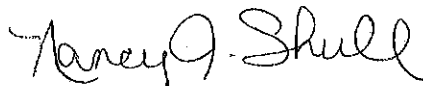


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Quarterly Problems Program Report

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**Submitted by:
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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 4/2/03 & 4/23/03	22:00 CONTENT

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DR. PHIL – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2003

1. PA PRISON PROBLEMS & OTHER CRIME / LAW ISSUES
2. EDUCATION ISSUES
3. MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES
4. CONSUMER ISSUES
5. ELECTION ISSUES
6. TAXES
7. BUDGET CUTS & OTHER GOVERNMENT / POLITICAL ISSUES
8. SLUDGE DEBATE & OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES
9. SAFETY ISSUES
10. JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS ISSUES
11. LAUREL CREST SALE CONTROVERSY
12. FAMILY ISSUES
13. TEEN ISSUES
14. SENIOR ISSUES
15. HIGHWAY & OTHER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

Public Service Announcement Listing 2nd Quarter 2003 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Summary	Length
ISSUE: DRUG ABUSE /CRIME / LAW			
"Jesslyn Rose"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White female-teenager in marching band Killed by drunk driver 11 years after accident	:30
"John Elliot"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White male at Naval Academy Graduation Killed by a drunk driver	:30
"Jeff Peckler"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White teenage boy killed, friends speaking at assembly after his death "Drunk Drivers Don't Kill All Their Victims"	:30
"Wiggins Kid's"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	3 children individually, then shot of car wreck that killed them	:30
"Barry Bonds" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Baseball game, Barry bonds delivering message about drunk driving	:30
"Cyndi Thompson" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Country music video to her delivering message about drunk driving	:30
"Kelly Hu" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Her in studio, to message delivered about drunk driving	:30
"Aerosmith" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Concert shots to Steven Tyler and Joe Perry delivering message about a drunk driver	:30
"High Risk"	Buckle-Up PA: Click It Or Ticket	Different scenario's w/ police and accidents: buckle up is the message, shot of all police from overhead yelling Click it... At end.	:30
"Teens"	Buckle-Up PA: Click It Or Ticket	Focused on Teen Driving safety and buckling up, some statistics... Police yelling Click It... at the end	:30
"Children"	Buckle-Up PA: Click It Or Ticket	Focuses on small children and their safety seats. Police yelling Click It... at the end	:30
"Your Brain Gets Dizzy"	Drug Free PA	Targets ages 6-9. Kids and animated friends sing about why they don't do drugs.	:20 :30
"Coroner"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens/Parents—Coroner giving report on a girl dying from Ecstasy use.	:10
"Flash Forward"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens: They say ecstasy is the love drug, but when a girl dies at a rave everybody around her ignores her... "Where's the Love"	:20
"Fish Tank"	Drug Free PA	Targets: Tweens/Teens—taking water out of fish tank to represent lack of oxygen to your brain when you do drugs.	:10 :20 :30
"Nervous System"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens—Animated representation of inhalants effects on a nervous system.	:30
"Jim"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents—father saying his	:10

		daughter died from doing ecstasy 3 times.	
ISSUE: COLLEGE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES			
"Success In School= Success In Life"	Ad Council/ Partners for Public Education	African American family seem to be at athletic event, really at school- get excited about your child's education	:30
"Big Bird/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Big Bird and Bob talking about music, b-roll of kids playing instruments/ singing	:30
"Big Bird/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Big Bird and Bob talking about music	:15
"Oscar/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Oscar and Bob talking about music	:15
"Involved"	National PTA	Set to music. Various shots of kids. Narrator talks about staying involved.	:30
"Moments"	National PTA	Set to music. Various shots of kids. Narrator talks about staying involved	:30
"New Shoes"	National PTA	Set to music. Various shots of kids. Narrator talks about staying involved	:30
"Bedtime Story"	Girl Scouts	Mom telling daughter bedtime story about ram, hard drives, gigabytes, etc.	:30 :20 :15
"Blue Sky"	Girl Scouts	Girl on beach asking why sky is blue.. dad says to match her eyes, she says wrong and gives the scientific explanation	:30 :20
ISSUE: VACCINES & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES			
"Numbers"	Coalition for Organ Donation	Kid getting into cab and going into hospital... African Americans are 12% of nation but 35% of those waiting for organs. Only you can save lives.	:60 :30
"Un-funniest Home Video"	Pediatric Emergency Care	Home Video of kid on playground with parents... falls off of swing... "Would you know what to do"	:30
"Elizabeth Dole"	National Hospice Foundation	Speaking about hospice care in the U.S. You do have options... talk about end of life care.	:60 :30 :15
"My Father"	National Hospice Foundation	Woman speaking about putting her father in a hospice, he didn't want to die in hospital. You are entitled to hospice care.	:60 :30 :15 :10
"Did You Know It"	National Mental Health Organization	You can feel soooo good, but then you can feel sooooo bad. It may be bio-polar and they can help.	:30 :10

"ITCO"	PA Breast Cancer Coalition	Executive Director of the coalition asking for you to donate part of your taxes to research.	:15
"Breast Cancer Doesn't Just Affect Women"	Ad Council/ Breast Cancer Research Foundation	White- father and daughter going through daily task without wife/mother who died of BC	:30
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"Kids"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Set to music, kids wandering through big city alone – "AIDS has created over 14 million orphans worldwide	:60
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"Kids- Baby In Stroller"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Baby in stroller crying all alone- "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into an orphan"	:15
"Kids-Baby In Crib"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Baby in crib crying an orphan" — "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into	:15
"Kids—Boy w/ Pull Car"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Boy pulling toy car down vacant highway- —"every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into"	:15
"Dan Quayle-DVT PSA"	The Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology	Dan Quayle discussing at disease he had that millions are susceptible to (DVT)	:60
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" T-Score"	National Osteoporosis Foundation	Celebrity couple (LA Law) talking separately about her finding out she has osteoporosis—"Do you Know your T- Score"	:60
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"Beyond The Blues"	Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance	Surgeon General of the United States delivering message about mental illness and there is treatment available	:30
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"If You Could"	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	If you could see a blood clot, plaque on your teeth, etc... then you could fix it – You can't see heart disease #1 killer among women	:20

"Jackie"	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	Reenactment of a heart attack on a middle aged woman, she narrates	:30
"I Could...If They Would"	Muscular Dystrophy Association	Very electronic looking and sounding—If they (the doctors) could find a cure then he could do a variety of different things.	:30
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"2002 NMDP PSA"	National Marrow Donor Program	Fireman who donated marrow, middle aged woman and child who received marrow—donate marrow—you can make a difference	:60
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"Cubicles: Get A Flu Shot"	Visiting Nurses Association of America	Cartoon of office from overhead—lots of cubicles, one guy is sick—"get your flu shot b/c he won't"	:60
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"Stork 111 Nice Workout"	March of Dimes	Take folic acid b/f you want to get pregnant—stork running around gym (a baby is unexpected) some women are running away others are chasing him	:30
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"Put Your Asthma To The Test"	Asthma Action America	Take a test to determine how bad and prevent asthma symptoms, woman having hard time at beginning, breathing great at end	:60
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"Kids—Girl w/ Bear	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Little girl alone dragging huge bear up a stairway at a station – "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into	:15
"Open Mic"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	A man dressed up a Polyp, two cops busting him at a luncheon—"you never know when a colon polyp is going to show up" Humorous in nature	:30 :25
"Family Picnic"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	Man dressed up a colon polyp and invades a family picnic... colon police come to get him.	:30
"Alley"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	Man dressed up as colon polyp—cops after him in Alley... appears to be a COPS simulation.	:30 :25
"Fridge"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	Man dressed up a colon polyp invading a woman's fridge... You never know when a polyp is going to show up.	:30
"Stress: You Are Not Alone"	The Will Rogers Institute	Mother getting overly stressed by her 2 young children, man looking at bills... if you fell dizzy, etc. Take charge of your stress.	:30 :20 :15
"Dad"	March of Dimes	Premie born, father upset. Babies are born premature everyday, no one knows why, support research.	:30
"Mid-Life Matador"	American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	Woman going off (you think she's leaving her husband) but she's going to matador camp to get fit... Work yourself.	:60 :30 :15
"The Best Medical Care"	Shriners Hospital For Children	Elliot Gould (Friends)—Shriner's provides medical care for children free of charge	:30 :20
"The Future Is Now"	Shriners Hospital for Children	Scott Bakula—In the future all kid's will have access to free medical care—the future is now.	:30 :20
"Believe It Or Not"	Shriners Hospital for Children	Dean Cain—There's a network of hospitals that provide free healthcare to children	:30 :20
"Family Atmosphere"	Shriner's Hospital for Children	Kurtwood Smith—Kids' feel right at home at Shriners, free medical care.	:30 :20
"Celebrity Montage"	Shriners Hospital for Children	Martin Sheen, Scott Bakula, Michael Richards, Robert Duvall, Ricardo Montalban—You should know about Shriner's....	:30
"Get Real"	Institute of National Diabetes Association	Starts with people getting in shape and eating nothing then it flashes "get real" and has sensible tips for preventing diabetes.	:30
"A New Leash on Life"	Foundation of	Dog being walked, has a new	:30

	Biomedical Research	"leash" on life b/c of open heart surgery. Research helps animals too.	
"Color of Life"	Produce For Better Health Foundation	Set to music—different color represent different foods, add a little color to your life.	:30
"Every Seven Minutes"	American Foundation for the Blind	Every week 1400 people are diagnosed with severe visual impairments... they can help.	:30 :20 :15
ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT			
"Man On Street"	EPA	People on street answering questions about radon... quiz style.	:60 :30
"One"	Earth Share	Voiced by Harrison Ford—totally animated. One Earth One way to care for it... visit their website to find out what their doing.	:60 :30
ISSUE: TAXES			
"Flat Tire"	IRS	Woman's car gets a flat tire, getting your tire changed may not be a click away, but your taxes can be.	:30 :15
"Diaper"	IRS	Father running around holding baby with smelly diaper... Life isn't easy as pushing a button, cut your taxes can be.	:30 :15
"I Love You"	IRS	Most working families with kid's qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.	:30
ISSUE:WOMEN'S ISSUES			
"Who I Am"	Women's Sports Foundation	Various shots of teen athletes (female) Girl who play sports are more likely to succeed in life.	:30
ISSUE: FAMILY ISSUES			
"Big Daddy"	Ad Council/ Pennsylvania Fatherhood Initiative	Godzilla and baby Godzilla stomping around blowing fire- set to music -- "All it takes to be a dad is a little time..."	:30
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"Tarzan"	Ad Council/ Pennsylvania Fatherhood Initiative	Tarzan and son having fun in jungle -- "All it takes to be a dad is a little time..."	:30
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	Fatherhood Initiative	a little time..."	
"Burp"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	African American- big/little brother having burping contest at restaurant- "You have to have to be a perfect role model to be a big brother"	:30
"Office"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	White—set in office, big brother little brother throwing pencils at ceiling- "You don't have to teach algebra to be a big brother"	:30
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"Stare"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	White- set in restaurant, female version, staring contest—"you don't have to be..."	:30
"Gum"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	African American— bubble gum bubble blowing, bubble pops	:30
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"Blackboard"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Couple fighting—she's a teacher when she goes into her classroom he's written I'm sorry all over the chalkboards—marriage first	:60
"Story Time"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Little girl repeatedly asking her father to read her a story. No always the answer, He tells her to ask mom and she says "mommy, can daddy read to me?"	:60
"Eansie Weansie"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Man at work in factory setting, gets a call, sings Eansie Weansie Spider to his little girl on phone	:60
"Answering Machine"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	African American man playing with his little boys as a friend leaves a message on the machine trying to persuade him to play golf	:60
"Cupcake Girls"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Little girls at a tea party going to have cupcakes, not enough for all so they share	:60
"Now More Than Ever"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Various shots of families: "Families... Isn't it about time?"	:30
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"Innocence"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents—These innocent looking objects may be a sign your kid is doing Ecstasy. (lollipop, certain other items)	:20 :30
"Threats"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents: talk to your kids about drugs, everybody else is.	:30
"URL-Marijuana"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents: to know more about marijuana, visit this web site...	:10

"The Facts"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens—a look inside a meth lab, "what you don't see, is what you get"	:20
"Kidnapped"	Church of Jesus Christ of Laturday Saints	Family kidnaps dad to try and get him to go camping and spend some time with them.	:60 :45 :30
"Missing"		Dad on cell phone saying how he won't make the big game—sees missing posters all over streets looking for home. "Have you seen our dad?"	:60 :45 :30
ISSUE: SAFETY			
"Woman"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	Woman delivering message about car phone safety when driving	:20
"Woman"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	Woman delivering message about car phone safety when driving	:30
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"Industry Spokesperson- CEO"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	CEO of National Safety Council delivering message on cellular phone safety when driving	:20
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"Home Food Safety... It's in Your Hands"		How to prevent you family from getting sick due to the mishandling of food.	:60 :30

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4/1/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET OVERCROWDING

Officials in Somerset County are trying to avert future capacity concerns at the county prison. An overcrowding task force is making recommendations on how to handle the problem.

:42 – SOT/VO

Jim Marker – Somerset County Commissioner

4/1/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Jun Kallin

SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Controversy continues to surround the case of a Penn State football player accused of sexually assaulting a woman on campus. Anwar Phillips waived his preliminary hearing without even showing up in court and that's drawing fire from women's groups.

:37 – SOT/VO

4/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

CLERGY SEX ABUSE

There are more sexual misconduct allegations against the Altoona/Johnstown Catholic Diocese. While the men bringing the allegations say the abuse was bad enough, they believe the cover-up was inexcusable. Natasha McBroom reports. 1:24 – Package
Richard Serbin – Victims' attorney

4/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

CONSTRUCTION ZONE LAWS

State police will soon be enforcing tough new laws in construction zones. The stakes are really high now. If you don't comply, you could lose your license. Dave Zafris reports.

:45 – Package

4/8/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

SPECIAL DRUG COURT

The number of students at Penn State makes the area a target for drug activity. As the courts get bogged down handling a growing number of DUI cases and other types of drug-related cases in Centre County. A criminal justice advisory board is looking into the idea of creating a special drug court. Regina Miller reports.

1:16 – Package

Keith Bierly – County commissioner

Brad Lunsford – District Justice

4/8/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

DOWNTOWN SURVEILLANCE

State College Borough Council may soon vote on the controversial idea of installing downtown surveillance cameras. The idea was born from riots a few years ago in the downtown area.

1:30 – Package

Tom King – State College

Richard McCarl – Council president

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4/10/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

RAPE PREVENTION

Students at Juniata College are taking a different look at how to prevent rape. A "Take Back The Night" Forum at how men can do their part in rape prevention.

:35 – SOT/VO

Joe Weinberg – Rape Prevention

4/14/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

A controversial topic will be examined tonight in State College. Borough Council will hear a detailed proposal on placing surveillance cameras downtown. Police want to target Beaver Canyon, the site of riots several years ago, and an area where vandalism persists.

:53 – SOT/VO

Richard McCarl – State College Council President

4/15/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BLAIR PRISON EXPANSION

A much-needed expansion is on the way for a Blair County prison. Commissioners chose expansion over shipping prisoners elsewhere because of the cost involved, \$45 per day, which adds up quickly.

:54 – SOT/VO

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

4/16/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

At a "Take Back The Night" rally in Altoona, Penn State students were encouraged to take a stand against the recent rise in rape cases across the region. Organizers say they are emphasizing education on alcohol consumption and the dangers of predatory drugs.

:45 – SOT/VO

Kate Stahlkensinger – Health Educator

4/21/03, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SURVEILLANCE DEBATE

Some Penn State students plan to join the debate tonight over surveillance cameras. The State College Borough Council has already heard from police. Now they'll hear from students who are expressing their disapproval of the idea, citing privacy reasons.

:42 – SOT/VO

Julie Vastian – PSU Junior

4/21/03, 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

CAMERA DEBATE

State College Council is mulling over installing surveillance cameras on campus. But students there are speaking out against the plan. While they agree that something needs to be done to quell recent rioting in that area, they say the cameras compromise everybody's privacy. Dave Zafris reports.

1:20 – Package

Nicole Simchick – Penn State student

John Previtera – Against cameras

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4/22/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

FUND RAISING SCAM

Residents of Cherry Tree have been hearing that if they don't donate to a Fire Department fundraiser, firemen will let their houses burn down. However, firemen say it's a scam to rip off the Fire Dept.

1:47 – Package

4/30/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HEROIN EPIDEMIC

Despite the best efforts of a lot of people, the heroin epidemic in West Central Pennsylvania continues to grow at an alarming rate. Since the February airing of the show "Heroin: Not Even Once." Hundreds of parents have discovered their children have the addiction. With only 2 percent of addicts ever recovering and funding for programs being cut, the situation grows even more grim. Marty Radovanic reports on the best options.

2:57 – Package

Don Gerred – Assistant D.A.

Norm Krumenacker – Cambria County Judge

Dr. Matt Masiello – Conemaugh Health System

Debbie Fowler – Remembering Adam

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5/1/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

DRUG CRISIS

Area drug treatment agencies are overwhelmed. There are too many addicts seeking help and not enough cash to go around. That's the situation even before you consider those organizations face major cuts in Governor Rendell's budget. It's a situation that has the families of addicts fearing the worst and drug counselors warning of a looming crisis. Jon Meyer reports.

1:59 – Package

Peggy Alexander – Mother of heroin addicts

Carol Zucco – Cambria Drug & Alcohol Council

5/2/03, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HEROIN / AGE

A drug sweep in Blair County netted 32 people, but there was something unusual about this bust: many of those accused were older than you'd think. That poses the question, is age a factor in heroin use? Officials say no, addiction knows no age differences. However, age is an important factor in rehabilitation.

:48 – SOT/VO

Larry Hanelly – Addiction counselor

5/2/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

STATE COLLEGE/DOWNTOWN CAMERAS

Whether or not the long-awaited surveillance cameras will be installed in downtown State College is finally expected to be decided on Monday night. Borough Council reviewed the proposed price tags today. They have already approved a policy on use.

:51 – SOT/VO

Tom King – Chief, State College Police Department

5/5/03, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

CAMERAS GOING IN

Big brother is watching in State College. Borough council members tonight decided to have surveillance cameras installed in a section of that city known for riots. Mark Allen reports on the action.

1:09 – Package

Chief Tom King – State College Police

5/7/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PROTECTING THE UNBORN

Unborn babies who are the victims of violence may get more protection from legislation now being considered in Washington. Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum was on hand to introduce the law that would charge criminals with a second offense for assault on a baby when the mother is assaulted.

:39 – SOT/VO

Rick Santorum – (R) Pennsylvania Senator

5/8/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HEROIN TREATMENT FORUM

With cuts in the state budget, slashing money for drug treatment for addicts, a lot of folks showed up in Hollidaysburg tonight to hear about a new treatment for heroin addiction. Buprenorphine eases the symptoms of withdrawal and is a big step in dealing with a problem that is epidemic.

:50 – SOT/VO

Dr. Laura McNichols – Philadelphia V.A. Medical Center

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5/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

HEROIN FORUM

Police and local government officials joined together today with legislators and religious leaders to talk about ways to get rid of the heroin epidemic. While experts shared info on new treatments and the latest medications, they all agreed that the best way to fight the epidemic is to educate parents and children on the devastating effect of the drug on people's lives.

1:00 – Package

Robert Jubilirer – (R) 30th District

5/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

FIRE FIGHTER ARSONS

Police in Jefferson County are planning more arrests in a string of arsons started by firefighters in Brookville. The community there is shocked by the scandal that even resulted in the arrest of the fire chief. Dave Zafris reports.

1:00 – Package

Joyce Leighton – Surprised at arrests

Ken Dworek – Brookville Police Chief

5/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

SEAT BELT WEARING

With Memorial Day just around the corner, drivers need to make sure and buckle up. If they don't, it could cost them. Police are serious about the seat belt law and are cracking down with the "Click it or Ticket" campaign. Natasha McBroom reports.

:43 – Package

Trooper Dave White – PA State Police

5/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

SCAMS / HOME IMPROVEMENTS

With Spring here, it's time to take care of those neglected jobs around the house and do some outside work. But if you're hiring someone to do the work for you, you'd better be careful. Regina Miller reports on how to protect yourself from scams.

:43 – Package

Lt. Drew Clemson – Ferguson Twp. Police

5/20/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

DRUNK DRIVING

Students in one area school district sent out a powerful message to their peers about how drinking and driving kills. The presentation will be tough to forget. Jon Meyer reports.

:53 – Package

Wallace Miller – Somerset County Coroner:

5/27/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRISON OVERCROWDING

While a new county prison in Centre County remains a political hot potato, the overcrowding problems at the current jail continue to increase. Officials are looking for other prisons to send inmates to.

:49 – SOT/VO

Dave Immel – Centre County Prison Warden

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5/27/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

DOMESTIC ABUSE LIFT

Domestic abuse is rampant across the country and here in West central Pennsylvania. One in four women have experienced domestic violence, and police have had enough. That's why seven counties have joined together with a new program to let victims know there is a way out. While there are women's shelters, many victims don't have access to transportation to get to them or use afterwards. Natasha McBroom reports on what help there is.

1:25 - Package

Sgt. Timothy Mercer - PA State Police

Trp. Sandy Coleman - PA State Police

Beth Birch - Abuse Network

5/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

METHADONE CLINIC

A method of treating heroin addicts has some Blair Countians in an uproar, while others have faith that a methadone clinic is the only way to get crime and addiction rates down. But will it result in methadone available on the street and more addicts moving to the area? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:17 - Package

Frank Rosenhoover - Blair County Drug-Free Comm.

5/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

DRUG SHIFT POLICY

There is a shift in policy on a federal level on treating drug abuse. How will that affect us on the local level? The man who heads the National Drug Control Policy was in our area to discuss the new initiatives. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 - Package

John Walters - Whitehouse Drug Czar

5/28/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PRACTICE PRISON JOB FAIR

How do you keep ex-convicts from landing back in jail? That is a priority in this state with its overcrowded prisons. A program at the Loretta lockup seems to be succeeding. They hold mock job fairs to show the men what they can expect when they are released.

:53 - SOT/VO

Brian McCall - Offender Employment

5/28/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

DRUG CLINIC

Alliance Medical Services in Blair County says a clinic in Antis Township is needed very badly for heroin addicts, but they are being met with a lot of resistance. Residents worry about having addicts travel to their neighborhood and if methadone is even a viable treatment for this addiction. Mark Allen reports on a public meeting held to discuss the issue.

1:37 - Package

David Hoover - Concerned resident

Jerry Fulare - Blair County Drug Awareness

Officer Steven Bray - Richland Township Police

NBC - CRIME MAY

Today

Friday, May 2

Anna Salter, a consultant and lecturer who has studied the patterns of sexual offenders talks about her new book called: "Predators: Pedophiles, Rapists, and other sex offenders - Who They Are, How They Operate And How We Can Protect Ourselves and Our Children."

Nightly News

Tuesday, May 13

On NBC Nightly News, a special Fleecing of America report looks at one of the most popular scams using the internet and costing Americans 100 million dollars a year. What steps can you take to protect yourself from this type of fraud?

Nightly News

Friday, May 16

On NBC Nightly News, the crackdown on cyber-crime. Internet fraud has victimized nearly 90 thousand people worldwide. How do officials plan to curb the widespread scams?

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6/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PRISON SIZE

After years of planning delays and political bickering, a ground breaking is set for Centre County's new prison. Everyone knows the new jail is badly needed, but the size of the project remains a topic of controversy. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:55 – Package

Gene Lauri – Centre County Corrections

Scott Conklin – Centre county Commissioner

6/3/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRISON BIDS RETRACTED

Blair County Commissioners are upset over a setback in the expansion project for their prison. The low bidders have retracted their bid, citing mathematical errors. The difference the contractor is proposing is close to 400,000 dollars.

1:08 – SOT/VO

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

6/4/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

JAIL CITED

The State Department of Corrections is citing the Jefferson County Prison with numerous violations. State inspectors say the jail is overcrowded and there is graffiti on the walls. Crowding is a problem throughout the state system, and the writing is a result of prisoner access to markers.

:39 – SOT/VO

Paul Corbin – County Treasurer

6/4/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NURSE PICKETS

State nurses at Pennsylvania's prisons held an informational picket today to warn that prison overcrowding and the lack of trained nurses on-staff poses a public health risk to families of the prison staff.

:48 – SOT/VO

Marti Middleton – Union organizer

6/5/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

RESIDENTS ON CLINIC

Residents of Antis Township are still speaking out against a proposed methadone clinic in their area. At a meeting tonight, they expressed their concerns that it would increase drug trafficking in an area close to a school.

:39 – VO

6/5/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

POLICE EXPANSION

The State Police are looking to expand their numbers, but they are targeting very specific groups for recruitment. They are starting a special campaign to recruit women and minorities in a belief that the department should reflect the diversity of the community that it serves.

:51 – SOT/VO

Jeffrey Miller – Police Commissioner

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6/10/03, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PRISON WATER DEBATE

While construction of a new prison is set to begin in Centre County, financing and construction issues continue to be debated. That includes who is going to supply water for the new jail. Bellefonte officials say they can save the county more than a million dollars in water line installation alone, and they have low usage rates. But the county is looking elsewhere.

1:25 - Package

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

Ralph Stewart - Bellefonte Manager

Gene Lauri - Centre County Prison Dept.

6/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

ARSON INVESTIGATORS

Our struggling economic condition has a far-reaching impact that few have thought about, namely on firefighters. In State College, arson investigators from across the state are comparing notes about the increasing rate of arson crimes. They say failing businesses trying to collect on insurance are the culprits.

:41 - SOT/VO

George Wert - Arson investigator

6/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PROBLEM FUNDRAISER

Until further notice, Citizen's Volunteer Fire Company in Tyrone will not be responding to any fires. The company has been shut down because their funding was cut due to a controversy over fund-raising dances. The dances led to underage drinking.

:49 - SOT/VO

Chief Jim Beckwith - Tyrone Fire Dept.

6/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

DRUG BUST

A drug bust overnight yielded nearly two thousand dollars in heroin, lots of cash, and a saw-off shotgun. But this bust has residents of Altoona worried. The dealer was just 18 years old and the bust took place at her residence just one block from Roosevelt Junior High. Police say that dealers are increasingly younger because they have an easy time relating to kids. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:39 - Package

Sgt. Randy Feathers - PA Attorney General's Office

6/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SEATBELT CRACKDOWN

State police are cracking down on people who are not wearing seat belts or using child safety seats properly. Troopers in this area gave out over two thousand warnings last week, so now they are ready to give out tickets.

:48 - SOT/VO

Trooper Jamie Levier - PA State Trooper

6/12/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

DRUNK DRIVING / ARRESTS ON RISE

Drunk driving arrests are up in Pennsylvania. There was a two percent increase in the year 2002. Are more people drinking and driving, despite all the warnings? Not necessarily, the increase may be due to more patrols and DUI checkpoints.

:41 - SOT/VO

Trooper Jamie Levier - PA State Trooper

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6/17/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

NEW PRISON & WATER

It's a hot issue in Centre County, even for commissioners who are leaving office: construction of the new prison and who will supply the water. The obvious choice seems to be Bellefonte Boro, but letters from the DEP and the Public Utilities Commission detail significant problems with Bellefonte's water system, including leaks and the lack of metering.

:59 – SOT/VO

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

6/18/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MOTORCYCLE GANGS

Some outlaw motorcycle gangs could be muscling their way into our region. So the Johnstown police are preparing to deal with potential problems. Today they even invited officers from other departments to learn about what to look for when it comes to spotting trouble from these gangs.

:55 – SOT/VO

Capt. Andy Frear – Johnstown Police Department

6/23/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

BISHOP CONFERENCE / ABUSE

Just back from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in St. Louis, Bishop Joseph Adamec that the local diocese and the church is making progress as it addresses the abuse by priests issue. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:30 – Package

Bishop Joseph Adamec – Johnstown Altoona Diocese

6/23/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Lynsey Paulo

HOME SECURITY / VACATIONS

Before you plan a summer vacation, plan on securing your home. Police say that a majority of home burglaries could have been prevented if homeowners took proper steps. Lynsey Paulo reports.

1:25 – Package

Mike Nattoli – Police Officer

6/24/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PRISON PROTEST

Centre County's new prison project continues to draw fire about the costs. Today, protesters were telling commissioners to slow down the work, claiming that with two lame-duck commissioners, all that could be done to cut costs may not be happening. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:44 – Package

Nancy Snyder – Prison protestor

6/24/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

PRISON OVERCROWDING

The head of the Jefferson County Prison Inspection Board resigns. This comes as the jail faces losing its insurance because of overcrowding. The jail has one month to come up with a plan to ease the problem. Dave Zafris reports.

2:16 – Package

Paul Corbin – New Board Chairman

Dave Black – Resigned as chairman

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6/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PA POLICE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner is defending his handling of past sexual misconduct complaints against troopers, but he is toughening penalties for sexual misconduct. This comes after 68 complaints filed over 7 years involving 75 officers were deemed to have merit.

1:06 – SOT/VO

Col. Jeffrey Miller – PA State Police

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Dateline

Friday, June 13

For six years Dr. Tom Sell has been locked away in a federal prison because he refuses to take the anti-psychotic drugs a federal court says he must take in order to stand trial. Dr. Sell accuses the government of conspiring against him and trying to alter his brain with drugs. Prosecutors and government doctors say he is delusional and unfit to stand trial, pointing to a history of bizarre behavior and a series of troubling statements. Who is telling the truth? The case now awaits a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could determine whether the federal government has the right to forcibly medicate a defendant. John Larson reports.

Today Show

Tuesday, June 25

Photographer Taryn Simon and attorney Barry Scheck talk about their book, "The Innocents," a collection of photographs and narratives of dozens of wrongly-convicted Americans. Can you get your life back after a wrongful conviction?

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES APRIL

4/2/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

Teachers have been using technology to help students learn for years. But one small school district in Central Pennsylvania is taking techno-teaching to new levels. Now, even the chalkboard has been replaced. Dave Zafris reports on what technology has achieved at Glendale and how the students feel about it.

1:35 – Package

4/2/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP / NEW SUPER

A new leader is set to take over the Greater Johnstown School District. She has spent her entire career in the district, so she feels she has a pretty good handle on the challenges that face the district.

:43 – SOT/VO

Barbara Parkins – Interim Superintendent

4/3/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

ANGER MANAGEMENT

In a handful of high schools, anger management classes are being offered to students in an attempt to reduce the number of conflicts and fights. Is it working? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:00 – Package

Ryan Kohlsdorf – 15 year old

Trisha LeBlanc – School social worker

4/3/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BACKPACK PROBLEMS

Many kids wear backpacks to school, but parents may not realize the safety risks involved. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says that hospital visits due to backpack injuries are on the rise.

:30 – SOT/VO

Dr. Linda Shaw – Mercy Health Services

4/3/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

Blacklick Valley Middle School thinks that the best way to stop bullying is to teach kids that everyone has a special talent. That's one way teens can learn to accept their peers.

:43 – SOT/VO

Jeffrey Parker – Penn State Psychology

Jake Waldman – Senior psychology major

4/3/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

STUDENT / SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Penn State's president made his first comments on a controversy involving a student expelled for sexual assault charges but still permitted to play in the January first bowl game. He says he is reviewing the situation to see if it was a communication problem.

:31 – SOT/VO

Dr. Graham Spanier – Penn State President

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4/3/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DRUG AWARENESS

It is estimated that two-thirds of American school children try an illegal drug before graduating from high school. At a Blair County Drug and Alcohol Awareness meeting, parents were told that one of the best ways to keep their children from joining these statistics is to help them find a dream for their future.

:56 – SOT/VO

Rocco Scalzi – Youth counselor

4/4/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

ASSESSMENT TESTS

The "No Child Left Behind" Act is changing the way many schools look at the Pennsylvania Assessment Tests. The new federal law has raised the stakes to make sure students are excelling in reading, math, and writing. But many kids simply don't take the tests seriously. Lisa Stofko reports on how one area school district is addressing that problem.

2:51 – Package

4/4/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

ATHLETE FEES

A Cambria County school district might make its athletes pay to play. The issue at Westmont Hilltop is the cost of the district's sports program. The school board favors a single fee for athlete participation over the current system of individual fundraisers.

:20 – VO

4/4/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

E-MAIL WARNING

Penn State has given students a firm warning when it comes to downloading music and videos. The university sent out an e-mail informing students that illegal downloads could result in jail time.

:20 – VO

4/8/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SUPERINTENDENT MOVES

Creating an alumni association was the first action taken by Johnstown School District's new Superintendent. It's a move she says will make a better connection between school and community.

:47 – SOT/VO

Barbara Parkins – Interim superintendent

4/8/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

STUDENT TESTING

Parents across the state have been sending their nervous kids off to school to complete a very important test. Making the grade with the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests will help more than just the students. The fate of the educators and school finances also hangs in the balance. Regina Miller reports.

1:30 – Package

Tonya Devecchis-Kerr – Elementary principal

Todd Dishong – Fifth Grade teacher

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4/14/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

LYING ON COLLEGE RESUMES

Getting accepted into the college of your choice isn't always easy. As Lisa Stofko reports, some students are doing whatever it takes to get in, even lying.

2:00 – Package

Julie Siegel – Age 18

Sherveen Salek – Age 18

Patrick McKenna – Age 18

Susan Wilbur – University of California

4/14/03, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

DRUG TESTING

It is a balance between a student's privacy and a drug-free educational environment. Schools nationwide are considering randomly testing their students for drug, and United School District in Indiana County is following that trend. Mark Allen reports.

1:56 – Package

4/15/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

ANTI-TOBACCO PROGRAMS

The Altoona Area School District will soon have four new programs to fight smoking. The programs will attack the problem from all sides, educating students, educating parents, using peer pressure, and student puppet shows for elementary students.

:38 – SOT/VO

Lisa Hann – Blair County counselor

4/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

SPRINKLERS IN FRAT HOUSES?

A deadly fire near an Ohio State campus is sparking new concerns for student housing at Penn State. Members of State College's council are now being asked to consider an ordinance requiring all fraternity houses to have sprinkler systems installed. Gary Sinderson reports.

2:33 – Package

Tim Knicely – Housing inspector

Shaun Kauffman – Fire code Administrator

4/15/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

BOREDOM

When it comes to schoolwork, 80 per cent of high school students say it's boring. As the years go by, the problem only seems to be getting worse. Why? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:57 – Package

4/17/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

RURAL HIGH TECH

Schools in rural areas don't always have access to the latest technology. But lawmakers are looking for ways to bring high tech teaching to the country. Dave Zafris has more on their developing plan.

1:40 – Package

Thomas Frantz – Punxsutawney Schools

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4/17/03, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TALKING TAXES

It's been just 8 days since former Johnstown school superintendent Jerry Zahorchak took office in Harrisburg as the new Secretary of Education. Today he joined other government leaders to speak with residents about what the new tax plan means for schools across Pennsylvania.

:38 - SOT/VO

Gerald Zahorchak - Assistant Sec. Of Education

4/18/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Dave Zafris

HEAD START SWITCH

The nation's Head Start program is facing changes. The Bush administration wants to switch control of the pre-kindergarten learning program from the federal government to the states. Dave Zafris has reaction from our area.

1:38 - Package

Linda McDonough - Somerset Head Start

Fran Sivi - Cambria Head Start

4/23/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

VO-TECH CHANGE

Johnstown Vo-Tech is going part-time, doing away with the full time status and many programs of academic study. The Joint Operations Committee made the decision, and many staff and students are not happy. Mark Allen reports.

:59 - Package

4/23/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sharon Epperson

COLLEGE FINANCES

College acceptance letters have gone out and students are making their decisions. In the meantime, parents are wondering how they are going to pay for it. Sharon Epperson reports on ways to cram for that college money.

3:02 - Package

Milton Eisenhardt - Author "College Money"

Joe Palladino - Paying for college

4/24/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

POSTURE BALLS

Children slouching in their seats at school can lead to a lifetime of bad posture. Teachers are always telling students to sit up. However, a new approach to the problem seems to be paying off. Sara Burget reports.

1:16 - Package

4/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

ALTOONA JUNIOR HIGHS

Altoona residents will have a chance to voice their opinions tonight about the possible purchase of some property by the Altoona School District. The district is looking at four lots across the street from Roosevelt Junior High. Although there are currently no plans for a new building, the issue is under discussion. Sophia Wharton reports.

:53 - Package

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4/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

CLEARFIELD ELEMENTARY / BUSSING

Clearfield School District is opening a new elementary school this Fall. But parents of some children are upset that their kids will have to be bussed to the new school. Dave Zafris reports on what took place at the school board meeting tonight when parents expressed their misgivings.

:52 – Package

Bernie Haney – Parent against realignment

4/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

ALTOONA PROPERTY USE

The Altoona School Board held a special hearing tonight because they plan on purchasing some land for future school projects. They discussed several options for the land that included a parking lot, administrative buildings, and most controversial, a new junior high to replace the two existing ones. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:02 – Package

Chad Polito – Former Keith student

David Hoover – Concerned citizen

4/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

BULLYING

Kids bully each other for all sorts of reasons. But according to a new survey, there's one type of bullying that is twice as likely to occur as any other kind. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:09 – Package

4/29/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

COMPUTER ILLITERATE

When it comes to learning, computers are like pencil and paper for today's kids. But experts say that in some schools, computers are collecting dust. Lisa Stofko reports on why?

2:02 – Package

Larry Cuban – Author

Kristy Brun – Age 18

Anna Mae Stanowski – Age 14

Wilhelmina Van Hoffligan – Age 17

Dan Gray – High School Physics Teacher

4/29/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

One of the last districts in our area that maintains a half-day for kindergarten students has approved a switch to full-day sessions starting in the Fall. The school board believes it will provide more time for important subjects.

:38 – SOT/VO

Dr. Tom Estep – Superintendent

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5/1/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

DADS AND GRADES

A school outing or a class project adds excitement to your child's learning experience, but many schools around the country are finding the most important factor in keeping kids interested in their Dad's involvement. When Dads are involved, studies show that grades are higher. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:50 - Package

David Boyce - Age 18

Kurus Jamison - Guidance counselor

Steven Creel - Guidance Counselor

Dwayne Boyce - Father

5/5/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

OFFICERS SWORN IN

Following the trend of other universities and colleges, Saint Francis University is upgrading its security office to a police force. They say it is not because crime on campus is increasing; it is to give officers the ability to make arrests and seek search warrants. Mark Allen reports on the change and the controversial new power for the force.

:50 - Package

Bill Ellick - SFU Police Chief

5/5/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

COLLEGE REJECTIONS

At the most competitive colleges in America, at least half of all applicants are rejected. While this creates disappointment, experts say children need their parents to urge them on in their search for the right college for them. Rejection letters should not end college aspirations. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:00 - Package

Jessica Ford - Age 17

Gail Polizzi - Career Coordinator

Dr. Alexander Phipps - Psychologist

5/5/03, 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

MOSHANNON SCHOOLS

Moshannon Valley School District is planning major renovations. However, some people think they are being too extravagant. Things like a drive-through window have people talking. Dave Zafris reports.

1:41: - Package

Howis Camberg - Head Football Coach

Arleen Multhauf - School Superintendent

5/8/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

FIELD TRIPS

A field trip use to mean a two-hour visit to a local museum, but not anymore. In the past decade, schools have adopted a trend that sends students to far away places for several days at a time. Experts say there are pluses and minuses to the new trend. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:56 - Package

Dr. Alexandra Phipps - Psychologist

Suzan Thorton - Educator

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5/8/03, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

VOTECH CUT

A decision to cut academic classes at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center still needs approval. While students and parents aren't happy, one district has given approval and one district has not. Five of the seven sending districts must approve if the plan is to be implemented. Mark Allen reports on the controversy.

1:38

Kristina Goldberg – Parent

Bill Heim – School Administrator

Kenneth Blair Jr. - Senior

Deborah Gretch – Parent

5/13/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

TRAGEDY AT SCHOOL

After a Forest Hills senior killed himself in the parking lot of the school, experts are strongly encouraging parents and students to make use of the counseling resources that have been made available. They can help parents to recognize the signs of depression in teens and also help everyone to deal with this tragedy. Sophia Wharton reports that these are situations that don't resolve themselves.

:54 – Package

Dr. Mary Auen – Clinical Psychologist

5/14/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

STUDENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

Where are all the new students coming from? That's what administrators in the State College School District are trying to find out. They have more students than expected and the increases appear to be on the secondary level. How could that happen? Gary Sinderson reports on the numbers projection problems.

:44 – Package

Dennis Younkin – Business manager

5/14/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

More than a year has passed since President Bush began a new era of education, usher in sweeping reform called "No child left behind." Is it working? What are the successes and failures? Mark Allen reports.

3:35 – Package

Dr. Eugene Hickok – Under-Secretary of Education

Dr. Tom Estep – Northern Cambria Schools

Kathy Dumm – Teacher

5/15/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

SPELL CHECK HELP

It's quicker and easier, but is spell-check really a better option than looking the word up? Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh don't think so. Lisa Stofko reports on why.

1:56 – Package

Debra Christy – High School English teacher

Jeffrey Self – Age 16

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5/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

PENN STATE CUTS

Ongoing reductions in state funding have Penn State administrators cutting the university's budget by millions of dollars. They are trying to keep the tuition increase at a level students can afford. How can they do it? Gary Sinderson reports.

:47 - Package

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

5/19/03, 5 PM, Monday Regina Miller

CAMPUS DRINKING

Some think drinking in college is a rite of passage. But it continues to be a growing problem for college campuses. Regina Miller reports on the effort to curb boozing.

1:15 – Package

Beth Dureko – Convention speaker

5/22/03, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

BUDGET DILEMMA

The deadline for districts to pass their budgets for next year is the end of this month. But schools won't find out till June just how much money they are getting from the State. So many districts are either making budget cuts or raising taxes in case the state doesn't come through.

1:04 – SOT/VO

Barbara Parkins – Johnstown Superintendent

5/23/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Dave Zafris

PUNXSU SCHOOL CLOSING

Punxsutawney School District is closing two elementary schools, and some people there are not happy with the changes. But school officials say it is necessary, due to declining student enrollment. Dave Zafris reports.

1:30 – Package

J. Thomas Frantz – School superintendent

Kirby Starr – School Board member

Colleen Means – Big Run teacher

5/26/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sharon Epperspn

COLLEGE GRADS / FINANCING NEXT CHAPTER

As college seniors graduate, most are confronted with trying to find a job in a depressed market while paying off huge student loans and credit card debt. While it seems overwhelming, the outlook isn't too bad if they have a plan. Sharon Epperson reports.

3:01 – Package

Shira Katsir – Graduating Senior

Prof. Robert Manning – Rochester Institute of Technology

Jesse Vickey – Financial Consultant

Suzanne Olson – ihatefinancialplanning.com

5/28/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ENERGY LAWSUIT

An energy company has backed out of a contract and that could cost local school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Altoona Area, Penn Cambria, Tyrone, and Bellwood-Antis School Districts are suing Select Energy for backing out on a contract to supply natural gas at set rates.

:54 – SOT/VO

Dave Andrews – Attorney

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5/28/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CAMPUS FILE-SHARING FEE

Illegal internet file sharing has become a problem on college campuses. But at Penn State, they think they may have found a way to deal with it. They intend to charge students a fee for file sharing that would be passed along to the recording industry.

:44 – SOT/VO

Tysen Kendig – Penn State spokesperson

5/29/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Denise Belgrave

COLLEGE DECISIONS

Across America, the cost of a college education is on the rise. Even State universities aren't immune as state budgets decline. This, combined with a sluggish economy, is forcing students to reconsider their options when it comes to higher education. Denise Belgrave reports on the growing problem.

1:27 – Package

Sandy Baum – Skidmore College

5/29/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

Researchers have been studying summer learning loss in children since 1906. Now, they can finally quantify just how much schoolwork kids forget over the summer. Can anything be done to help? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:03 – Package

Orlando Lucerno – Age 16

Fran Chamberlain – Developmental Studies

David Payne – Former principal

Vidal Lucerno – Age 14

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6/2/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

WRITING SHORTFALL

Reading, writing, and arithmetic are the basic elements of education. But experts say that, these days, one of those is missing. Lisa Stofko reports on how schools are failing in their teaching of writing.

2:08 – Package

Bonnie Roemaine – Age 16

Rob Jenkins – Professor of English

6/5/03, 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

TEACHERS DISPUTE

It's back to the bargaining table in the Somerset School District. For the first time since teachers walked the picket lines in November, the School Board and Union will sit down to try to work out a deal. The dispute is in its second year. Jon Meyer reports.

1:11 – Package

Kayla Layhue – Somerset High School student

Jon Critchfield – Union president

John Coleman – School Board President

6/5/03, 5 PM, Friday Dave Zafris

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

As the school year ends, two elementary schools in Punxsutawney and a Catholic school in Elk County are closing their doors for good. Dave Zafris has more on how the area's shrinking population is changing the school system.

1:40 – Package

Lillian Linch – Attended Holy Rosary

Cindy Polaski – Has fond memories

Mary Simmons – Will miss school

Sr. Kathryn Preston – Principal, Holy Rosary

6/9/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

SCHOOL LAYOFFS

Punxsutawney School District has laid off 31 employees because of declining enrollment. The move follows the close of two elementary schools. The move is being made to increase class size in the remaining elementary school. Dave Zafris reports.

:53 – Package

Dr. Thomas Frantz – School superintendent

6/9/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

TEACHERS' CONTRACT

Contract talks are back open in the Somerset Area School District. The school board and the union sat down again to bargain. It's the first time they've done that since December, after teachers walked the picket line. Was anything accomplished? Jon Meyer reports.

:46 – Package

Jon Critchfield – Union president

Jim Cascio – Somerset school board

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6/9/03, 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

HIGH SCHOOL COSTS

There is concern today over the growing price tag for the new Johnstown High School. Some are question whether the architect could have avoided some of the added costs, including the close to \$200,000 paid in sales tax for construction materials.

:45 – SOT/VO

Barbara Parking – Interim Superintendent

6/10/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

It was the last day of school for two elementary schools in Punxsutawney; they won't be reopening in the Fall either. The 31 people who are losing their jobs feel some of the cutbacks in staff were unwarranted.

:39 – SOT/VO

Kate Doverspike – Furloughed teacher

6/11/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

State experts are worried that the Pennsylvania workforce is being hurt by a lack of early childhood education. As a state, Pennsylvania spends \$0 of state money for pre-kindergarten education.

:54 – SOT/VO

Joan Benso – Partnership for Children

6/16/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ART EDUCATION

School may be done, but teachers and parents were back in class today, learning the importance of art education in pre-school. They learned how art lends itself to the teaching of core subjects at a workshop in Loretto today. Art is an important tool in the process of learning development.

:50 – SOT/VO

Brian Sabo – Southern Allegheny Museum of Art

6/18/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CYBER GRADUATE

A Cambria County girl is the first to graduate from an internet-based school. Kayla Kennedy enrolled in the school as an alternative to attending regular high school. She says there are some great benefits to attending the cyber school.

:53 – SOT/VO

Kayla Kennedy – Cyber graduate

6/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

PSSA TESTS

The Johnstown School District could get more money next year, thanks to improved PSSA scores. Last year, Johnstown was left out of those incentives last year, so they made some changes that helped boost those test scores. Penalties for schools that don't measure up consistently include firing teachers and turning the school over to a private company.

:51 – SOT/VO

Barbara Parkins – Superintendant

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6/19/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

CHANGING SCHOOLS

Each year, an estimated 3 per cent of high school students transfer to another school district. That can be a very difficult change. Experts say that summer vacation may be the best time to work on the transition. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:40 – Package

Anthony Desidierio – Age 17

Dr. Beverly Armento – Education expert

Allison Edwards – Counselor

6/19/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

DEBATE OVER HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET

Students at the Greater Johnstown High School will be attending classes in a brand new building, but at what cost to taxpayers? Some people are complaining, saying the 40 million dollar project is way over budget. But school officials claim that's not true.

:53 – SOT/VO

Ed Cernic – School Board President

6/23/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

GRADUATION TESTS

This summer, hundreds of thousands of kids are going to spend a lot of their time studying. Thanks to the "No Child Left Behind" Act, students must pass a graduation exam to get their diploma and, in many cases they must pass a test to advance to the next grade. Lisa Stofko reports that many students don't think the concept is fair.

2:05 – Package

Stan Williams – Education Specialist

Davis Weitz – Age 18

6/24/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AFFIRM. ACTION / REACTION

Local colleges and universities are taking a close look at their admissions policies in light of Monday's Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action. They struck down quota-like systems but maintained the legality of Affirmative Action.

1:08 – SOT/VO

Ken Lehreman – Director of Affirmative Action

6/24/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PLAN FOR A NEW PA

Helping children will help business. That was the governor's message to business leaders today. Some of those plans include funding for full-day kindergarten, tutoring, and class-size reduction.

:44 – SOT/VO

Gov. Ed Rendell – PA

6/26/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL SHAKEUP

Punxsutawney Area School District has announced its redistricting plan. At least 250 students will be affected, and parents are already unhappy with the bussing issues.

:42 – SOT/VO

Brenda Weber – 2 kids switching schools

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6/26/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

REACTION / PLAN FOR A NEW PA

There was a rally today for Gov. Rendell's plan for Pennsylvania. Those plans include funding for full-day kindergarten, tutoring, and class-size reduction. Some people agree with him, citing the tremendous inequity in education funding for small rural communities and small cities.

:43 – SOT/VO

Sharon Ward – Philadelphia

6/30/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Regina Lewis

A FAILING GRADE

A new report card is giving our nation's education system a failing grade for preparing kids for the 21st Century. Regina Lewis reports on the issue of teaching techniques that experts say have not kept up with changing times.

1:39 – Package

Terry Crane – AOL

Betsy Whiting – Teacher

John Wilson – National Education Association

6/30/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

AWAITING STATE BUDGET

The amount of money available for schools next year remains unknown. State lawmakers are still haggling over the budget. Meanwhile, school districts statewide are having difficulties making their own budgets and plans while awaiting word on funds.

:52 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman – 34th District (R)

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Dateline

Friday, June 6

"Affirmative Action: A Tom Brokaw Special"

Story Summary: Tom Brokaw profiles the case of two young women from opposite sides of the debate over the use of race in college admissions. Both Jennifer Gatz and Monique Luse hail from the Detroit suburb of Southgate. And both dreamed of attending the University of Michigan. But only Monique made it. Jennifer was denied admission and sued the university, arguing that their use of race as a factor in admissions discriminates her and other white applicants by giving minorities an edge. Her case now awaits a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could profoundly affect affirmative action policies nationwide. Monique, an African-American and ardent supporter of affirmative action, led a demonstration outside the Supreme Court as they heard oral arguments in Jennifer's case. Tom sits down with each woman and their families, examining their beliefs and revealing the emotional toll of their public stands. The story also profiles a number of other key players in the Michigan lawsuit and includes testimonials from several African-American adults who have benefited from affirmative action policies.

Nightly News

Thursday, June 19

Why are American students continuing to score poorly on reading tests?

Nightly News

Monday, June 23

Today has brought the most important civil rights decision in 25 years. How will the Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action affect schools all over the country?

Today

Tuesday, June 24

Today has the latest on the U.S. Supreme Court rulings on affirmative action and Internet filters in public libraries.

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4/1/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

DIET IN ELDERLY

Cardiovascular disease can lead to heart attack or even a stroke. It is also the leading cause of death and disability among older people. Can a change of diet help even when you have entered your elderly years? Or is it too late? Sara Burget reports.

1:00 – Package

4/2/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

QUIT SMOKING PROGRAM

Today, one hospital in our region is trying to give smokers the incentive to kick the habit by offering free lung screenings. They hope that when smokers see the damage caused by cigarettes, they'll decide to kick the habit.

:37 – SOT/VO

Nicole Cook Monica – Hospital employee

4/8/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SLOWING ALZHEIMER'S

There may be new hope for Alzheimer's patients. A German drug now being tested seems to slow down the disease.

:53 – SOT/VO

Barry Reisberg – NYU School of Medicine

4/8/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

NEWBORN TESTING

A healthy baby boy or girl is every parent's dream. But that dream can end if your child has a rare disorder. Many problems can be easily dealt with if they are discovered immediately. So why are states not mandating infant testing? Sara Burget reports.

1:56 – Package

Grace Fondacaro – Mother

Nancy Green – The March of Dimes

4/10/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

JUVENILE ARTHRITIS

When you think of someone with arthritis, you probably imagine an elderly person with pain in their joints. But Sara Burget reports on how devastating it can be for young people.

2:03 – Package

Kiri Weatherby – Age 15

Felicia Petree – Lauren's mother

Dr. Kenneth Weisner – Rheumatologist

4/10/03, 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

Technology continues to progress. Just about everywhere, people are carrying cellular phones. The same wireless technology that most of us think of as common is proving invaluable in the medical field. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:23 – Package

Kent Tonkin – IT Director, Cermusa

Vicki Pendelton, RN – Telemedicine Specialist

James Bates, PhD – Director, Cermusa

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4/11/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

PATIENT MONITORING

Usually, if you're laid up in the hospital, machines monitor how you're doing. But with staff reductions, is there a medical professional monitoring your condition? Sara Burget reports that it is very possible even without coming into the room.

2:07 – Package

4/14/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

NEW PRIVACY REGS

New federal medical regulations went into effect at midnight last night. They concern patient privacy and how information about patients is distributed and used. Sophia Wharton reports on the options for patients.

:54 – Package

Rich Lobb – Corp. Privacy Officer

4/11/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DOCTOR SLOWDOWN

During the week of April 30th, doctors in Pennsylvania are planning a service slowdown in protest of the rising medical malpractice rates. They will be canceling elective surgeries and routine doctor visits. Critics say the move is too drastic.

:47 – SOT/VO

J. Michael Moses, MD – Orthopedics Board Member

4/15/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PARKINSON'S / STOPPING TREMORS

While doctors currently use a drug called Sinemet to treat Parkinson's Disease, that drug is not always enough. Now, a new patch that targets the area of the brain that deals with fine control of movement. The continuous medication may be the key.

:38 – SOT/VO

Dr. Rajesh Rahwa – Neurologist

4/16/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

MIGRAINE THERAPY

For those of you who get migraines, you know the debilitating pain. It is extremely hard to get relief. Now there's a new therapy that could help. Sara Burget reports.

1:16 – Package

Steven Graf Radford – Cedar Sinai Med. Center

Dr. Alex Mauskop – Neurologist

4/21/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

AMBLYOPIA

If you can't see as well out of one eye as you can out of the other, then you probably have a condition known as Amblyopia. Sara Burget reports on diagnosing the condition in children in order to address seeing problems early.

1:54 – Package

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4/22/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ed Yeates

SLEEP DEPRIVATION

Sleep deprivation is a problem that's plaguing America. Experts say the epidemic is even more noticeable now, while we are still trying to adjust to Daylight Savings Time. Ed Yeates reports.
1:33 – Package

4/23/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sanille Reese

OVARIAN CANCER TREATMENT

It's one of the deadliest forms of cancer facing women today, ovarian cancer. But now new research is improving treatment and survival rates. How? Sanille Reese reports.
1:55 – Package

4/23/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

SARS PRECAUTIONS

The SARS scare at Bedford Hospital turned out to be a false alarm but emergency responders are taking steps to prepare for SARS. The scare showed that the outbreak in our region is possible. Mark Allen reports.

:54 – Package

Wendi Keeler – Red Cross

4/24/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

CHIPS PROGRAM

For over a decade, Pennsylvania lawmakers have been leading the way when it comes to making sure our children stay healthy. Much of that effort has been through the Children's Health Insurance Program. Amazingly, there are still parents in Pennsylvania that don't know they can take advantage of this program for their kids. Sophia Wharton reports on why no child in Pennsylvania should go without health care.

1:09 – Package

Charlie Levallee / E.D. Caring Foundation

4/25/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

BOTTLED WATER

Where do you get your drinking water, a fountain, a faucet, or a bottle? If you drink town water, the odds are you're also drinking fluoride. But do you get that substance when you drink bottled water? Sara Burget reports.

1:47 – Package

4/25/03, 6 PM, Friday Dave Zafris

HOSPITAL COOPERATION

Normally, we hear about hospitals competing for patients. But today, Altoona Hospital and the Bons Secours Health System are trying to find ways to collaborate in order to better serve patients. Conemaugh Health System is also involved in the talks. Dave Zafris reports.

:45 – Package

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4/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

POLLUTION AND ASTHMA

Environmental pollutants have long been suspected of being behind the unusually high rates of asthma and other health problems in children. Now there may be proof as researchers say that the more pollutants a pregnant woman is exposed to, the greater the risk to her unborn baby.
:56 – SOT/VO

Dr. Frederica Perera – Children's Environmental Health

4/29/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

DOCTOR WALKOUT

Doctors across Pennsylvania are walking out this week to protest the State's liability laws. Those who have appointments may find their doctors available only for emergencies. Dave Zafris reports.

1:01 – Package

Dr. Mark Piasio – Orthopedic surgeon

Jon Brennan – DuBois Regional Health Center

4/30/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

DIABETES & CARDIO EFFECTS

Diabetics have a higher risk of cardiovascular disease than those without diabetes. Now researchers are looking for a genetic link between the two conditions to explain the problem. Sara Burget reports.

1:34 – Package

Paul Newman – Diabetic

Dr. Steve Marso – Cardiologist

4/30/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

DOCTOR WALKOUT

Physicians statewide are out of their offices as part of an ongoing protest against rising insurance costs. The doctors are hoping the strike will lead patients to lobby state lawmakers to act on insurance cost reforms. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Roger Mecum – PA Medical Society

Dr. Edward Dench – PA Medical Society

4/30/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

DOCTOR WALKOUT / INDIANA

Malpractice premiums for some doctors cost as much as 200 thousand dollars a year. Thousands of physicians across the state are on strike to convince lawmakers that something needs to be done. Patients spoke out as well. Mark Allen reports.

1:41 – Package

Thomas Moore – Garrett

Debbie Neisner – Johnstown

Roger Mecum – PA Medical Society

4/30/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CLEARFIELD / MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

About 30 doctors at Clearfield Hospital are on a work slowdown to protest high insurance rates. The doctors are calling for caps on insurance awards in malpractice suits.

:41 – SOT/VO

Dr. Tim Phillips – Clearfield Hospital

NBC - HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL APRIL

Today

Tuesday, April 22

As part of the continuing series TODAY's family, a new resource for parents. Visits to the Pediatrician are all too short usually and finding the time to get detailed answers to every question can be quite frustrating. Pediatrician and TODAY contributor, Dr. Mark Widome has a new book that can help parents answer some of those questions, it's called: "Ask Dr. Mark."

Dateline

Tuesday, April 22

Short of surgery, what else can you do to lose weight? Enter six members of the class of '78 from Quincy High School in Massachusetts, who want to shed some pounds before their high school reunion in November. To help, Dateline got six weight loss plans, from extreme exercise to hypnotism. Will any of them work? John Larson reports on *Losing It: The Ultimate Diet Challenge*.

Nightly News

Wednesday, April 23

Nightly News looks at the link between cancer and obesity. Robert Hager reports on startling new statistics that point to the link.

Today

Thursday, April 24

TODAY food editor, Phil Lempert stops by to talk about eating habits during times of crisis and what people can do now to scale back to make healthier comfort food choices.

Today

Thursday, April 24

As part of the continuing series TODAY's health...the quest for truth about exercise and health. New York Times Science reporter and exercise enthusiast Gina Kolata talks about her new book called: "Ultimate Fitness." in which she cuts through all the fitness trends and fads to find out what really works.

Nightly News

Monday, April 28

Tonight on Nightly News, health care costs are examined. Robert Hager reports on why your medical insurance may not provide you with as much coverage as you thought. What can you do to protect yourself and your family?

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APRIL

Today

Monday, April 28

As part of the continuing series TODAY's Woman...aging with grace. Co-authors, Nancy Alspaugh and Marilyn Kentz stop by to talk about their new book called: "Not Your Mother's Midlife: A Ten-Step Guide To Fearless Aging," which takes a humorous, witty and sometimes in-your-face approach look to growing old.

Nightly News

Tuesday, April 29

Tonight on Nightly News, could a commonly used household chemical cause serious health effects? Why is it still being used in everything from pots and pans to carpeting?

HEALTH ISSUES APRIL

Dr. Phil **4/22/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Many Americans today are so obsessed with food that it consumes their lives. Dr. Phil says obsessions like this are not really just about food; they have more to do with issues of control.

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5/1/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

HOSPITAL MENU

It can be one of the worst parts about staying in the hospital, the food. But many hospital administrators are aware of how adversely the food can affect recovery and they have a plan to use made-to-order meals to help with healing. Sara Burget reports on how they are addressing the problem.

1:30 – Package

Diane Vanhecke – Lead cook

Lisa Kjenvet – Unity Hospital

Andrea Whitcomb – Patient

5/1/03, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS / COMMUNITY

Tackling a growing number of problems related to long-term health care was the focus of a town meeting in Altoona. A panel of experts is calling it a crisis situation with several key issues facing seniors. Mark Allen reports.

1:57 – Package

Alan Rosenbloom – PA Health Care Assoc.

Lisa Sedlmyer – Beverly Health Care

Sen. Robert Jubelirer – (R) 30th District

5/2/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

PETS HELP HEALTH

Many of us know that pets are great company and fun to have. But what about the mess they make? Do they have a detrimental affect on our health? Sara Burget reports that definitely isn't so. Pets can improve our health.

1:25 – Package

5/2/03, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SARS HEARINGS

Pennsylvania has about 10 possible cases of SARS, and lawmakers want to keep those numbers low. That was the aim of a hearing today in Harrisburg. Health officials say that the public still needs to take precautions.

:44 – SOT/VO

Dr. Anthony Fauci – National Institute of Health

5/5/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

NON-HYSTERECTOMIES

A third of all women in this country will have had a hysterectomy by the time they turn 60. Yet experts say many of those procedures are unnecessary because there are a number of alternatives. Sara Burget reports on the controversy.

1:40 – Package

Beverly Johnson – Hysterectomy patient

Dr. Linda Bradley – OB-Gyn

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5/5/03, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SARS / WEARING MASKS

Here in the United States, the Center for Disease Controls say if you're not a health care worker, then you shouldn't wear a mask unless you have the SARS virus. But some people are wondering if they should be prepared. Do the masks really work?

:38 - SOT/VO

Dr. Lauren Mascola - Communicable Diseases

5/5/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PUBLIC HOSPITAL MEETING

One hospital in our region is enlisting the help of the local community to bring about changes in health care. J.C. Blair Hospital says the future of the hospital is in question because of medical liability insurance and budget cuts to Medicaid.

:49 - SOT/VO

Bruce L. Thomas - Physician

5/5/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE PROTEST

The statewide doctors' malpractice protest wraps up tomorrow. About 35 doctors from Johnstown joined hundreds of other doctors from around the state to say that lawmakers have not done enough to solve the malpractice crisis.

:45 - SOT/VO

Dr. J. Michael Moses - Concerned physician

5/6/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

DOCTORS PROTESTING

Doctors are telling lawmakers that medical malpractice is effecting their livelihood. They say they are forced to pay way too much for their insurance; and they are calling on Harrisburg to set a limit. Regina Miller reports.

1:00: - Package

Rep. Camille George - (D) Clearfield County

5/6/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

NURSES COMPLAINTS

It's not just doctors who are unhappy with the state of health care in Pennsylvania. Hundreds of nurses will rally in Harrisburg tomorrow to urge action on bills that would reduce medical errors. They say there aren't enough nurses on staff in a lot of facilities.

:43 - SOT/VO

Cindy Flora - Nurse

5/7/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

GREEN TEA

One researcher is exploring the power of green tea. Experts are testing it to verify whether the legendary health benefits actually do exist. Sara Burget reports.

1:24 - Package

Dr. Stephen Hsu - Researcher

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5/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

High school kids could soon be getting training as firefighters in classrooms throughout our area. A bill working its way through the State capital is an attempt to help volunteer fire companies who are struggling to find first responders. Are the courses important enough to take time away from academic studies? Jon Meyer reports.

1:22 – Package

Nick Panasci – Jerome Fire Dept. Asst. Chief

5/7/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

HEALTH CARE CRISIS

Doctors and officials at J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital in Huntingdon are asking the community to help them find ways to keep the hospital and its services in the county despite a financial crisis. Mark Allen reports.

1:32 – Package

Kandi Meece – Cassville

Joe Meece – Cassville

Dr. Bruce Thomas - Physician

5/7/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

HOSPITAL PROBLEMS

Officials at J.C. Blair hospital say residents in Huntingdon County are at risk of losing their health care services because of a financial crisis at the hospital. High malpractice insurance rates and Medicare cuts have already resulted in the loss of some services. Mark Allen reports.

1:40 – Package

Marilyn Bishop – Huntingdon

Dr. Bruce Thomas - Physician

5/8/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

ALLERGY HELP

Allergy sufferers have no easy time in Western Pennsylvania. This time of year is extremely hard on them. So do you need to move somewhere else or can you get relief? Sara Burget reports on some new ideas.

2:02

Dana Conte – Allergy sufferer

Dr. David Armstrong – Memorial Medical Center

5/8/03, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CANCER WEAPON

Researchers believe they have found a way to have the body kill cancer cells without damaging normal cells. The substance, nitric oxide, which the body produces to control blood pressure is the key.

:32 – SOT/VO

Dr. Paul Shami – Oncologist

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5/12/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

HEALTH LITERACY

Most of us come away from the doctor's office knowing the diagnosis and understanding the treatment. Still, for many, a visit can be frustrating and uncomfortable, and they leave with no understanding. Sara Burget reports on the situation.

1:59 - Package

Marnie Moore - Patient

Dr. Aliza Lifshitz - Internist

5/13/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

There's a plan in Harrisburg to create a new state agency that could lower doctors' malpractice insurance rates by as much as 40 percent. State Senator Mike Stack suggests the creation of a health care assurance program run by a seven-member authority that would provide coverage.

:54 - SOT/VO

Sen. Mike Stack - (D) Philadelphia

5/14/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

STROKE SIGNS

Every year, 700,000 people experience a stroke. It's the third leading cause of death and disability among Americans. Do you know if you're at risk? Also, the medical community is changing its opinion on healthy blood pressure levels. You might have more risk than you thought. Sara Burget reports.

1:40 - Package

Denise Lehew - Neuroclinician

5/15/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

BREAST CANCER / AGE?

When you think about breast cancer, who do you think gets it? Certainly older women do, but some doctors are seeing surprising increases in a different group. Sara Burget reports.

2:06 - Package

Tracy Lalonde - Patient

Dr. Kyle Henry - Surgeon

Dr. Tom Zukowski - Oncologist

5/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BLOOD SHORTAGE

There's not enough blood for those who need it, and that is a major problem for the Red Cross. What new strategies could help in encouraging donations. How else can they deal with the problem?

:42 - SOT/VO

Tom Angle - Red Cross Regional CEO

5/19/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE

One in every 7 deaths results from lung disease. That's over 350 thousand Americans a year according to the American Lung Association. But more than 25 million Americans live with chronic lung disease every day. Sara Burget explains how difficult this disease can be to deal with.

2:39 - Package

Walter Podolak - PennDOT Worker

Ellie Spangler - Lung Treatment Program

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5/19/03, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

WEST NILE VIRUS

Testing for the West Nile Virus is underway in our region. Bedford County is reminding everyone that we all share this problem and have to work together to fight the deadly virus by getting rid of standing water.

1:05 – SOT/VO

Guy Stottlemeyer – West Nile Program

5/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

MALPRACTICE REFORM

Malpractice reform is an issue that medical professionals are hoping to keep in the forefront. Reform legislative proposals are ongoing in both Washington and Harrisburg. But how much of it is just politics and is capping insurance payment awards still a priority? Gary Sinderson reports.

1:40 – Package

Rep. John Peterson – (R) 5th District

5/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LUNG PROBLEMS

Do you or someone you know have trouble breathing because of working around dust? Lung problems show up in those who have jobs in the steel mills or coalmines. They're classified as occupational lung problems and they have lots of complications.

:45 – Live

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health System

WJAC-TV provided a phone bank for viewers with questions about breathing problems staffed by a panel of health professionals. The phone bank operated from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

5/20/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HEADACHES

Headaches were the topic of a conference for health care workers in Johnstown today. Some of the important issues discussed were the debilitating effects of headaches and the new treatments available.

:39 – SOT/VO

Dr. Trishul Devineni – Headache researcher

5/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

ASTHMA & KIDS

Imagine your chest feels tight, you're coughing, and short of breath. Suppose how afraid you would be if your were just a child and all this was happening to you. Sara Burget reports on asthma in children.

3:38 – Package

Wendy Schrock – Jordan's Mom

Jordan Schrock – Asthma sufferer

Dr. Chris Begley – Pulmonologist

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5/22/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

ATKINS DIET

The Atkins Diet is famous for letting you eat steak and bacon, and telling you that you can still lose weight. But is it true? Two new studies point to the answer. Sara Burget reports.

1:05 – Package

James Hill – University of Colorado

5/22/03, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD LEVELS CRITICAL

The call is going out for blood donors, and it is beyond critical. Six of eight blood types are so critically low that the Red Cross is filling hospital orders at only 70 per cent. The American Red Cross is calling it an issue of public health and safety with the advent of the Memorial Day weekend. That holiday has the highest potential for car accidents and blood needs.

:46 – SOT/VO

Marianne Spampinato – Red Cross

5/23/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

DEPRESSION / ALZHEIMERS LINK

If you suffer from depression, it may not be just a chemical imbalance, but a sign of what's to come. It may be an early warning sign of Alzheimer's Disease. Sara Burget reports.

:43 – Package

James Bower – Neurologist, Mayo Clinic

5/26/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

CLINIC CLOSING

A medical clinic in Johnstown that serves a small but faithful clientele says they are closing their doors. But residents of the Connors and Vine towers hope to change their minds. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:13 – Package

Rev. Joseph Kutch – Resident

JoAnne Seigfried – Resident

5/26/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Doreen Gentzler

BLOOD STERILIZATION

With the SARS outbreak and the West Nile virus season just getting underway, there is concern that the viruses may infect our blood supply. Doreen Gentzler looks at a new process to make blood safe, sterilization.

2:48 – Package

Dr. Jeanne Lumadue – Nova Blood Services

Dr. Paul Mintz – Transfusion Medicine

5/27/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

NEW HEARING AID

Twenty five million Americans have hearing problems, and doctors say that many of those who need a hearing aid aren't wearing them. That's because many find hearing aids uncomfortable. Sara Burget reports on a solution to that problem.

1:25 – Package

Bud Gross – Hearing aid patient

Dr. Frank Hill – E.N.T. Specialist

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5/27/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dr. Deanna Lites

JUNKFOOD

Hot dogs are plentiful at Pirate or Curve baseball games, along with lots of other junk food. So if you indulge this summer, are you headed for a diet disaster? Dr. Deanna Lites reports that isn't necessarily true.

3:17 – Package

Dawn Jackson – Dietician

5/29/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

HOME BLEACHING

If you'd like to have a brighter smile, but you don't want to pay hundreds of dollars to get your teeth done, what are your options? Sara Burget reports on what they are and if they work.

1:55 – Package

Frank Baskett – Teeth whitening patient

Dr. William Browning – Dentist

5/29/03, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SHUSTER / RURAL HOSPITALS

A local congressman who serves on the Rural Healthcare Coalition is trying to make sure that these rural hospitals get their fair share of tax dollars.

:38 – SOT/VO

Bill Shuster – Representative 9th District

5/23/03, 5 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

MALPRACTICE CAPS

The State House could vote as early as next week on asking voters whether caps should be placed on medical malpractice awards. One local state lawmaker is urging his colleagues and the public to get more involved in reform. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:15 – Package

Dr. John Dranov - Centre County Doctor

Rep. K. Benninghoff – (R) Centre County

5/30/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

ALLERGY MEDICINE

The stores are stocked with plenty of new allergy medication this year. The problem is, how do you know which product will work best for you? Sara Burget reports.

2:06 – Package

Phaedra Lankutis – Allergy Sufferer

Dr. Rohil Katali – Allergist

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Nightly News

Thursday, May 1

Nightly News looks at colon cancer. Does a high fiber diet really reduce the risk? Robert Bazell reports on the results of the largest study yet.

Today

Monday, May 5

As part of the continuing series, TODAY's woman...aspirin. Today contributor Dr. Judith Reichman discusses the pros and cons of taking an aspirin a day to prevent heart diseases, stroke, colorectal cancer or even breast cancer.

Nightly News

Tuesday, May 6

NBC Nightly News looks at boutique medicine. Why are patients across the country paying thousands of dollars for better access to their doctors.? Is it an advance in health care or unfair privileges for the wealthy?

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 7

Nightly News examines hormone replacement therapy for women. Robert Hager reports on a study that raises questions about the benefits of the controversial treatment.

Today

Thursday, May 8

As part of the continuing series TODAY's Health...a prescription for wrinkle fillers. Last year alone, women and men spent more than 11 billion dollars on anti-aging products and services...but now there's a new way to spend your money. A new FDA approved treatment called "Cosmo-derm." Dr. David Bank, from the Center for Dermatology, Cosmetic and Laser Surgery is TODAY's guest.

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 14

On NBC Nightly News, new guidelines released today reveal that millions of Americans may not be aware that they have high blood pressure.

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 21

There are surprising findings tonight on the Atkins diet and your health. Could the controversial weight loss program be better for your heart than low fat diets and do patients keep the weight off?

NBC - HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL MAY

Nightly News

Thursday, May 22

Will the West Nile virus spread to more cities this summer? What can you do to protect yourself and your loved ones?

HEALTH ISSUES MAY

Dr. Phil **5/20/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil examines hormonal changes in women and the toll they take on relationships.

What can be done to ease the symptoms of perimenopause and menopause?

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6/2/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

ASPIRIN THERAPY

If you take aspirin to get rid of your headache or other aches and pains, you know before too long whether or not it has kicked in. But if you take aspirin long term to prevent a heart attack or stroke, how do you know if it is working? Sara Burget reports.

1:57 - Package

Bruce Meyer - Heart Attack patient

Dr. David Mold - Cardiologist

Gordon End - Aspirin Works, Inc.

6/2/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

OB CUTS

A hospital in our region will soon not be an option for expectant mothers. Bon Secours in Altoona has decided to eliminate its obstetrics unit. Who will handle those deliveries and are more cuts coming? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:17 - Package

Daniel Duggan - CEO Bon Secours

Ron McConnel - Altoona Hospital

6/2/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

MAMMOGRAPHY GOWNS

Well it seems like a simple idea and it may help women to get their mammographies on a more regular basis. New gowns used at Windber Medical Center help preserve a woman's dignity during the examine, permitting her to cover up better. The gowns have got national attention

:45 - SOT/VO

Jennifer Long - Today Show

6/3/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

WEST NILE

Combine all the rain we are getting with the upcoming summer season, and that creates a tremendous concern for West Nile virus. It is spread by mosquitoes that live in standing water. So how can you keep children from becoming infected? Sara Burget reports.

:50 - Package

Prof. Jonathan Day - University of Florida

Dr. Jerome Murphy - Contagious Disease Specialist

6/3/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

SHOPPING / HEALTH

There is something that may keep your brain sharp and young for life, shopping. Is it really possible that the fountain of youth is as close as the mall? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:50 - Package

Guy McKahnn, MD - John Hopkins

Peter Boling, MD - Geriatrician

Jennifer Piscorik - Shopper

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6/4/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD SUBSTITUTION

The summer travel season means more people on the road and more accidents. Some patients will die of blood loss before they get to the hospital and blood supplies are already low. That's why medical centers are trying to find a blood substitute.

:49 - SOT/VO

Dr. Ernest Moore - Chief of Trauma, Denver

6/5/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

WEATHER EFFECTS

We've definitely seen more days with rain than sun this spring, and that could be affecting your mood. Sara Burget reports on the possible problem and how to snap out of it.

1:41 - Package

Dr. Ray Hornyak - Psychologist

6/5/03, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

DIET SODA

You're trying to cut calories, so you drink diet soda. But is quenching your thirst with that drink actually boosting your appetite? The debate and research rages on.

:46 - SOT/VO

Ann Carson - Dietitian

6/6/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD SHORTAGE

The American Red Cross has issues an emergency appeal for blood donors. It is generally more difficult to recruit donors in the summer, but they have already seen a tremendous drop in donations this year. They're saying that if an emergency comes along, they won't be ready.

:54 - SOT/VO

Jennifer Mansfield - American Red Cross

Dianne Frye-DeLisa - Conemaugh Hospital

6/6/03, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE / JOHNSTOWN

The skyrocketing cost of medical malpractice insurance has been in the news of late. Today, the Chamber of Commerce showed their support for Pennsylvania's physicians. They held an informational breakfast on how the rising cost of medical malpractice insurance is affecting everybody.

1:00 - SOT/VO

Mitch Azar - Chamber of Commerce

6/9/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

HIPPA

If you've been to a doctor's office, hospital, or pharmacy, you've heard about "Hippa." It's the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. There are new rules, and many people are wondering just what they mean to them. Sara Burget reports.

1:50 - Package

Mary Jane Hall - Administrative Director

Jeff Short - Health Care attorney

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6/10/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

MIGRAINES

Almost 30 million Americans suffer from migraines. The debilitating headaches cause throbbing on one side of your head. But researchers believe botox may offer relief. Can something that is considered a poison heal a headache? Sara Burget reports.

1:22 - Package

Elizabeth Pirsch - Migraine sufferer

Dr. Stuart Stark - National Migraine Association

Dr. Marc Scholsberg - Washington Hospital

6/11/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

ST. MARY'S LAYOFFS

Thirty-three people are being laid-off from Elk Regional Health Center in St. Mary's as part of a cost reduction plan. It is just one more hospital to cut services. This time it is the in-patient psychiatric unit that is being permanently closed.

:48 - SOT/VO

Paul Desantis - Hospital CEO

6/11/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

UNCLOGGING ARTERIES

We are all familiar with the idea that a clogging of the arteries will lead to stroke. Angioplasty will open those arteries but how do you keep them from getting clogged again. Area hospitals are starting to employ a new technology that they think will keep the blood flowing for a long time. Jon Meyer reports.

1:03 - Package

Dr. Robert Stenberg - Cardiac Catheter Lab

6/11/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

MERCURY FILLINGS

If you get a cavity filled, can the mercury in the filling cause arthritis? It's a rumor that dates back to the Roman Empire, but doctors and dentists say the answer is no.

:50 - SOT/VO

Frederick Murphy - Professor

6/12/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

STROKE RISK

African Americans are three to five times more likely to have a stroke than white Americans. That is according to a recent study. What is driving up those numbers. Sara Burget reports.

1:30 - Package

Florida Ford - Suffered a stroke

Dr. Davidson - Washington Hospital Center

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6/12/03, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

BLOOD SHORTAGE

There is always a shortage of blood in summer, and even more so this year. With more people on the roads, there is also a greater need. What can you do to help? Sara Burget reports.

1:00 - Package

WJAC-TV, in cooperation with the Keystone Chapter of the American Red Cross, sponsored Donor Day to encourage viewers to give blood and help meet the regional needs for blood. Two locations (the Galleria Mall in Richland and the Logan Valley Mall in Altoona) were in operation to take donations from 12:30 pm - 7:00 pm. The collection was promoted on the Noon News and again in the News blocks from 5 - 6:30 pm. A total of 220 units of blood were collected.

6/13/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

SKIN CANCER

It's getting warmer outside, and soon the rain will stop and the sun will come out. With the sun comes a warning of it's danger. Unfortunately, not enough people take the risk of skin cancer seriously. Sara Burget reports.

2:33 - Package

Loretta Newman - Had skin cancer

Dr. Craig Fitchman - Family Medicine

Michael Newman - Had skin cancer

6/16/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

FAT FACTOR

The Center for Disease Control reports that obesity is threatening to replace tobacco as the leading cause of death in America. But who is at fault? Is it the food distributors or those who eat the food? Sara Burget reports.

1:37 - Package

Dr. Anna Siegriz - Nutrition Researcher

6/17/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

PREGNANCY NUTRITION

When women are pregnant, they worry about a lot of different things, including the health of their babies. How can you ensure that you will have a healthy baby. Sara Burget reports that maintaining good nutrition is one of the most important factors.

1:12 - Package

Heidi Herrington - Mom-To-Be

Craig Johnson - OB/Gyn

Jim Herrington - Dad-To-Be

6/17/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

DEPRESSED AMERICANS / HELP NOT WORKING

There is good and bad news about depression in America. The good news is that more Americans are seeking help; the bad news is that for many, it is not working. Why do more than 20 percent of those treated say treatment doesn't work?

:45 - SOT/VO

James Blumenthal - Depression Researcher

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6/18/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

PREGNANCY – WEIGHT GAIN

Becoming a new mom is exciting, but it can leave you worried about your weight and how much you'll gain. Sara Burget reports on what is normal and how not to pack on too many pounds when eating for two.

1:33 – Package

Sarah Huettle – 6 Months pregnant

Germaine Stroup – Personal trainer

6/19/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

CHRONIC PAIN

Millions of people live with chronic, agonizing pain everyday and wonder if life is worth living when they can't do the simplest of tasks. Sara Burget reports on a natural treatment, no drugs or surgery, that is giving relief.

2:10 – Package

Paula Rybick – Chronic pain sufferer

Ira Cantor – Internist

6/24/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

FAKE DRUGS

There has been an explosion of counterfeit and unapproved drugs in the U.S. Experts say it is a potentially deadly trend.

:53 – SOT/VO

Rep. Jim Greenwood – (R) Pennsylvania

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6/25/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

INSULIN & ALZHEIMERS

People with diabetes know about the benefits of taking insulin. But now it turns out that people at risk for or suffering from Alzheimer's disease need to learn about insulin too. Sara Burget reports.

1:18 – Package

6/26/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

BLACK DENTAL FLOSS

What does it matter what color dental floss you use? It turns out that using black dental floss could make a huge difference in how you floss because it provides a better vision of what you are doing. Sara Burget reports.

1:40 – Package

Dr. Vince Grosso – Dentist

Julie Ohrenberg – Patient

6/26/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ORASURE

There was a major announcement today regarding advancement in H-I-V testing. With a new drug called orasure, the disease can be detected earlier, preventing the further spreading of it.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

6/27/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

LEG ULCERS

If you have bad circulation, it can lead to a problem that's often hard to diagnose. There is a type of leg-skin ulcer that doesn't heal and leads to amputations. What is the treatment? Sara Burget reports.

2:18 – Package

Bettie Curtin – Venous Ulcer patient

Joan Snyder – Leg Ulcer Patient

Dr. Steve Elias – Vascular Surgeon

6/30/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

WEST NILE TESTING

Experts say that West Nile virus is here to stay. Last summer, a new fear arose after some people contracted the virus through organ transplants or blood transfusions. Sophia Wharton reports on how the Red Cross is responding to those fears.

1:05 – Package

Dr. Thomas Lightfoot – Medical Director

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Nightly News

Monday, June 2

Nightly News looks at treating lung cancer. Is chemotherapy necessary when the disease is detected early?

Nightly News

Tuesday, June 3

NBC News looks at the confusing information on women's health. From mammograms to hormone therapy, women are getting conflicting information. So how do they make decisions?

Today

Friday, June 6

As part of the continuing series Today's Health: Pregnancy and Diet, NBC Chief Science Correspondent Robert Bazell discusses the findings of a new study indicating that pregnant women eat more when carrying boys than girls.

Today

Wednesday, June 11

Today takes a look at the growing use of growth hormones among children.

Today

Wednesday, June 11

Today welcomes Dr. Clifford Bassett, a New York City allergy specialist, for a special class to help prepare for bug season: "Bug Bites 101."

Nightly News

Tuesday, June 17

Robert Bazell reports on an alarming new study of clinical depression. The result show it is much more common than thought and American are not responding to treatment.

Nightly News

Friday, June 18

New technology for prostate cancer may eliminate unnecessary surgery and help patients get treatment much earlier. Is it a critical advance for the 200,00 new patients each year?

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Today

Monday, June 23

On Today's Woman, Dr. Judith Reichman gives some advice for recovering from surgery.

Nightly News

Tuesday, June 24

Could a commonly-used medication help prevent the number two cancer killer of men, prostate cancer?

Today

Tuesday, June 24

On Today's Woman, Jacqueline Wheeler-Dickson, a clothing design teacher and cancer survivor shows new and improved Mammography gowns for her nearby hospital, and explains how they can help in health care..

Today

Tuesday, June 25

Chief Science Correspondent Robert Bazell reports on the encouraging results of a recently released study on a prostate cancer-fighting drug. Stopping in to discuss the findings is Dr. Peter Scardino, head of the prostate cancer program at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

Nightly News

Tuesday, June 25

Are the nation's fast food corporations to blame for the country's obesity epidemic?

Today

Wednesday, June 26

Matt Lauer reports on the growing use of Cochlear Implants -- devices that help deaf people to hear -- for infants.

Nightly News

Monday, June 30

Does stress affect your immune system? A new study reveals chronic stress can put patients at risk for a variety of health problems.

HEALTH ISSUES JUNE

Dr. Phil **6/2/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

We often use food as a coping mechanism and something to hide behind. Dr. Phil discusses reprogramming your life to lose weight and not letting your emotions control what and how much you eat.

Show #: 1023 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **6/3/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

People with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder can feel like they are being held prisoner in their own lives. Dr. Phil gets to the root of the behavior and explains what is needed to produce change.

Show #: 1148 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **6/18/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

From head to toe, Dr. Phil takes a close look at the world of plastic surgery and the often unhealthy obsession that many people have with it. Dr. Phil examines what motivates people to have cosmetic enhancements and when it is too much.

Show #: 1102 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . APRIL

4/2/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DRILLS

Of all the cordless tools on the market, drills are the most popular. They make great gifts for anyone who is handy around the house. Becky Thompson examines drills to find out which is the best value.

1:37 – Package

4/4/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PRICE AT THE PUMPS

The question everyone wants to know is why is the price of gas a lot higher than normal? Is it because of the quality of the gas? Lab tests from the gas of 60 randomly picked stations show that despite advertising claims, all octanes are the same.

:31 – SOT/VO

Joe Zhou – Petroleum inspections

4/9/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DRY CLEANING METHODS

Hundreds of dry cleaners throughout the country are switching to new environmentally friendly alternatives from the solvent now used to dry clean clothes. Becky Thompson puts three of these new methods of dry cleaning to the test.

1:42 – Package

Marie Danna – Owner

Pat Slaven – Consumer Reports

4/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lynsey Paulo

WAR CHARITY SCAMS

During this time of war, many Americans want to help out any way they can. But beware of scam artists trying to profit from the war on terrorism. Consumer Reporter Lynsey Paulo reports on how to protect yourself and still help trustworthy charities.

1:10 – Package

4/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jilisa Stofko

CELLPHONE SURCHARGE

Cell phone users could be paying an added charge in Pennsylvania within the next year. It's to pay for better tracking equipment for cell phone calls. In many cases, emergency dispatchers in 9-1-1 centers can't determine where a cell phone call originates from.

:46 – SOT/VO

Dan Tancibok – Centre County 9-1-1- Director

4/11/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

MINI SEWING MACHINES

New commercials for mini sewing machines promise a lot. But do they do as good a job as a standard sewing machine? Becky Thompson put them to the test.

1:36 – Package

4/16/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DVD PLAYERS

DVD players are hot sellers, but they can't record. Now manufacturers are making DVD recorders that can do it all. However, they cost a lot more. Becky Thompson tested some from the top electronic makers to see if they're worth buying.

1:36 – Package

Emily Wittmann – Loves DVD's

Maurice Wynn – Consumer Reports

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . APRIL

4/16/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Melissa Francis

OIL PRICES

Crude oil supplies were threatened by the war in Iraq, strikes in Venezuela, and civil unrest in Nigeria. Now, crude oil seems more plentiful than ever. The price per barrel is down 25 percent. But drivers aren't getting relief at the pumps. Melissa Francis reports why.

2:11 - Package

William Wallace - Man Financial

4/18/03, 5 / 6 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

GAS PRICES VARY

If you're driving this weekend, the good news is that gas prices continue to fall. How high or low prices are is dependent on a number of factors. But why are prices different even for the same company in different communities? Gary Sinderson asked one of the region's largest gas suppliers.

1:20 - Package

Stan Sheetz - Sheetz Inc.

4/18/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

HOME THEATER

With movie ticket prices rising, it can cost a small fortune to take the family out. That's one of the reasons that more and more people are setting up their own home theater. Becky Thompson reports on how to get the best set-up for you.

1:34 - Package

Matt Keiser - Home Theater Owner

Bob Lew - Consumer Reports

4/18/03, 5:30 PM, Friday David Cruz

GAS PUMP SCAM

If you use your credit or debit card at the gas pumps, there's a scam targeting the convenience that you could fall prey to. Thieves actually steal from your account by stealing the chip from the pay apparatus in the pump. David Cruz reports.

1:31 - Package

Silvia Manukian - Station owner

Bill Watkins - Customer

4/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AIRLINE PROBLEMS MAKE BARAINS

Airlines are pulling out all the stops to get people back in the air. They are offering deals on flights in the U.S. and overseas. The war and the SARS breakout seem to have discouraged travel; airlines want to turn that around. Now consumers are reaping the benefits.

:35 - SOT/VO

4/23/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

STROLLER TESTS

For a parent with two small children, a double stroller is the best way to get them around town. There are more of these strollers than ever, due in part to the high number of twins being born. Consumer reporter Becky Thompson reports on which ones are best.

1:26 - Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . APRIL

4/29/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Julie Vallese

TOP 10 RECALLS

You could have some things in your home right now that can pose a serious safety hazard. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has put out their top recall list and reminds folks not to sell defective products at garage sales to other people. Julie Vallese reports.

:43 – Package

Hal Stratton – Chairman CPSC

4/30/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

PHONE INFO

When you can't find your phone book, and you need a number, what can you do? If you call information, you could be wasting your money. So what are your options? Becky Thompson reports on some suggestions that save you money.

1:01 – Package

Ethan Farber – Consumer Reports

Mari McQueen – Consumer Reports

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Dateline

Wednesday, April 2

In a Dateline Good Housekeeping exclusive, Lea Thompson reports on mapping Web Sites...which site will get you to your destination and which will get you into trouble?

Dateline

Wednesday, April 16

The latest models of luxury cars and high-end SUVs may be big and beefy, but how well do they protect you in a 40-mph crash? Dateline's Chief Consumer Correspondent Lea Thompson reports with the results of the latest crash tests performed by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The following vehicles are being tested in the broadcast:

2002 ACURA RL	2003 INFINITI Q45
2003 CADILLAC C-T-S	VOLVO XC90
2003 HONDA ELEMENT	2003 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER

Today

Monday – Friday, April 21 – 25

FAKIN' IT

A 5-part series called, "FAKIN' IT." This series is intended to show viewers how to live like you have a lot of money... without really spending a lot of it!

The series is broken down as follows:

Monday, 4/21: Fashion

Tuesday, 4/22: Entertaining

Wednesday, 4/23: Shopping for fakes

Thursday, 4/24: Furniture

Friday, 4/25: Travel

Today

Friday, April 25

As part of the continuing series "Forever Young: A Guide To Life After 50" ...war scams. Consumer Lawyer Alan Kopit stops by to provide viewers with tips on how they can protect themselves from scam artists who prey on people's sense of patriotism and fears about homeland security.

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5/5/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HOME EQUITY LOANS / NOT ALWAYS GOOD IDEA

When you need money for college, a new car, or credit card payoffs, more of you are borrowing against the equity of your home. Because interest rates are low right now, the practice has grown tremendously. But the convenience could end up costing more than you bargained for when those interest rates go back up.

:50 – Package

Gary Ambrose – Personal Capitol Management

5/7/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

TRANS FAT

Some people call trans fat the stealth fat. Many foods have it but trans fat is not listed on the package. There's evidence that it's worse for your heart than saturated fat. Becky Thompson checks out products that contain trans fat and why the info is missing from the label.

1:33 – Package

Dr. Marvin Lipman – Consumer Reports

5/8/03, 5/6/11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BOOK SALE/ABORTION LINK

One of the largest used book sales on the East coast will once again be held this weekend, and organizers are denying charges of funding abortion rights groups. Organizers say that they have no political agenda, and they want patrons to know that.

:48 – SOT/VO

Nellie Boyle – A.A.U.W.

5/9/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

SUPPLEMENT SAFETY

More and more of you are turning to natural supplements to help boost your moods or energy. But are they safe and effective? Becky Thompson reports.

1:18 – Package

Arun Datwami – Health Food Store Owner

Dr. Marvin Lipman – Consumer Reports

5/9/03, 11 PM, Friday Alison Burns

SARS SCAMS

Tonight the Federal government is warning you to beware of products that claim to treat and prevent SARS. Worldwide fear has prompted dozens of companies to try to profit from the panic. Alison Burns reports.

1:13 – Package

Howard Beales – Federal Trade Commission

5/12/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Alison Burns

FINE PRINT

When it comes to doing business, we've all heard warnings about reading the fine print. But how often do you pay attention to what you are signing? Consumer groups say you may be signing away your constitutional rights. Alison Burns reports.

2:08 – Package

Mike Quirk – Consumer Lawyer

Barbara Flesh – Ignores the small print

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5/14/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

READING HOSPITAL BILLS

When you or a loved one are in the hospital, chances are that paying for the treatment is the last thing on your mind. But once you get home, you can be swamped by bills that are tough to decipher. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson shows you ways to figure it all out.

1:06 – Package

Stu Chaiken – Trying to decipher bills

Mandy Walker – Consumer Reports

5/15/03, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

FAT PATCH

There's a nicotine patch to help you stop smoking, and even a birth control patch. But would a fat patch work? Those who market one say it will help you burn fat and lose weight. Others say it is a scam.

:38 – SOT/VO

Jim Hill – Weight Loss expert

5/15/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

WIC RIP OFF

The Women, Infant, and Children program provides baby food for infants of low-income families. But as consumer reporter Becky Thompson found out, the programs also benefits parents who are looking for some extra cash and decide to sell the food they get from the program.

2:02 – Package

Janice Hefner – Grandmother

Cindy Dias – Fayette County WIC Program

5/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

GAS INCREASE / HEATING

A national gas provider in this region is trying to up its rates. But its customers aren't taking the increase without having their voices be heard. At a public hearing today in Altoona, people voiced their concerns over the proposed increase. Dave Zafris reports.

1:33 – Package

William McKeown – Dominion Peoples

Elle Albright – Against price increase

5/21/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

DAIRY PRICES

It's a program designed to help dairy farmers make a little more for their milk, but could it have you paying more at the grocery store? With the sluggish economy, dairy farmers are banding together with plans to decrease production and increase exports. Regina Miller reports.

1:06 – Package

Kenneth Bailey – PSU expert

5/21/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

GAS PRICE FALL INCREASE

Dominion Peoples Gas Company wants to increase the price of natural gas by 24 per cent, starting in October. They need approval from the PUC and held a public hearing today. Everyone heard that consumers don't think they can afford the increase. Mark Allen reports.

1:26 – Package

Maj. Robert Carney – Salvation Army

William McKeown – Dominion Peoples

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5/23/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

BLACK BOX / CARS

Millions of cars are equipped with a device to help automakers track safety records, but drivers don't even realize it. While some might consider it an invasion of privacy, others call it an important tool to make driving safer. Becky Thompson reports on your cars' "black box."

1:44 – Package

Adrienne Newman – New car owner

David Sobel – Electronic Privacy Center

Chuck Tiedje – Using "black box" in court

5/26/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Victoria Lim

POOL PROBLEMS

As the temperatures begin to rise, some of you may decide to put in a backyard pool. But there are many pitfalls to avoid. Victoria Lim reports on what to watch out for so your pool doesn't drain your wallet.

2:11 – Package

Stu Lang – Pool expert

Fred Hernden – Pool customer

5/27/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

In some Johnstown neighborhoods, people have found bottles left at their door for a free water check test. It turns out that the company doing the tests sells home water filtration equipment. While the promotion is legit, it may bring a high-pressure salesman to your door.

:52 – SOT/VO

Barry Creany – Deputy Attorney General

5/28/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

MUTUAL FUNDS

More than 93 million Americans invest in mutual funds. It's an economical way for investors to diversify their portfolios. But Becky Thompson reports on what information mutual funds aren't telling shareholders involving fund management and association with investment banks.

1:33 – Package

Edward Falcone – Owns mutual funds

Marlys Harris – Consumer Reports

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Today

Monday, May 19

On Monday, TODAY begins a week-long series called: "TODAY's Money for Women." TODAY in conjunction with *Money* magazine, recently surveyed 500 women about their financial problems. Five concerns stood out: Living Within Your Means, Affording Health Insurance, Getting Rid of Debt, Buying A Home, & Saving For Retirement. TODAY'S financial editor and Money Magazine's Jean Chatzky will be the guest.

Today

Tuesday, May 20

Should a female golfer be allowed to play in a PGA tournament? TODAY takes on the Annika Sorenstam debate.

Today

Wednesday, May 21

Part three of a week-long series called: "TODAY's Money for Women." TODAY in conjunction with *Money* magazine, recently surveyed 500 women about their financial problems. Tomorrow's topic: Getting Rid of Debt. TODAY'S financial editor and Money Magazine's Jean Chatzky will be the guest.

Today

Thursday, May 22

Part four of a week-long series called: "TODAY's Money for Women." TODAY in conjunction with *Money* magazine, recently surveyed 500 women about their financial problems. Tomorrow's topic: **Buying A Home.** TODAY'S financial editor and *Money* Magazine's Jean Chatzky will be the guest.

Today

Friday, May 23

TODAY wraps up its week-long series called: "TODAY's Money for Women." In conjunction with *Money* magazine, TODAY recently surveyed 500 women about their financial problems. The final installment in this series will talk about: Saving For Retirement. TODAY'S financial editor and Money Magazine's Jean Chatzky will be the guest.

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Dr. Phil **4/21/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil gives women tips on how to bargain and not have to pay full price. Many times car dealers treat women differently from men customers. Dr. Phil teaches how to negotiate.

Show #: 1132 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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6/4/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

TRAVEL INSURANCE

As people make plans for summer vacations, more and more people are buying travel insurance. But will it cover all problems that could put a damper on your trip? Consumer investigator Becky Thompson reports.

:56 – Package

Elizabeth Roberts – Bought travel insurance

Bret Vastano – Bought travel insurance

6/4/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

CAR REFINANCING

Interest rates are low and many are thinking of refinancing their homes. But how about getting those low rates on your cars too? If you've never heard of refinancing your car, you're not alone. But you can.

:42 – SOT/VO

Kirk Bowren – Credit Union

6/6/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

CREDIT DEBT

People are piling up the credit card debt. How can you slash the amount you owe, and end up with some savings? Consumer investigator Becky Thompson reports on how.

1:02 – Package

Gina Marie Buonomo – Had rate lowered

Mandy Walker – Consumer Reports

6/10/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

BEEF PRICES

Summertime means a lot of grilling. But this year, you could find yourself paying more for that backyard barbeque. That's because of the rising cost of beef. Regina Miller reports on why beef prices are on the rise.

:49 – Package

Joe Brenneman – Butcher

Edward Mills – PSU Agriculture expert

6/11/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

CONTINUAL SERVICE

When you sign up for any type of service, some companies are using a tactic called continual service to make sure they keep your business year after year. They'll tell you it is for your benefit, but consumer advocates say it is nothing more than a ploy. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:36 – Package

Susan Grant – National Consumers League

Howard Beales – Federal Trade Commission

Michele Seta – Customer

Patricia Faley – Direct Marketing Assoc.

Robert Vigue – Customer

6/11/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DIGITAL CAMERAS

One of the many benefits of a digital camera is the ability to crop and retouch your photos. There are plenty of programs that let you get creative, but what if you are technically challenged? Becky Thompson reports on which are the easiest to use.

1:14 – Package

Jason Oates – Uses digital camera

Dean Gallea – Consumer Reports

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6/13/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

DIGITAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT

Digital camera can be convenient for taking pictures, but the hobby can get expensive. Consumer reporter Becky Thompson reports on just what you need to get started, the essentials.

1:10 – Package

Noe Martinez – Salesman

John Gill – Owns digital camera

Jeff Fox – Consumer Reports

6/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

PRODUCE PRICES

For farmers, it's gone from one extreme to another in terms of their growing seasons. After years of drought, many farmers are now trying to get a good crop in the midst of flooded fields. So what will the impact be when you go to the market this summer to buy produce? Gary Sinderson reports.

1:10 – Package

6/16/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

HELMET LAW/INSURANCE RATES

Whether you ride a motorcycle or not, a change in the helmet law could have an effect on your pocketbook. Insurance agents agree, all motor vehicle rates will jump with the advent of the new law. Mark Allen reports.

1:10 – Package

Ed Kesslak – Kesslak Insurance Agency

6/23/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

SUV ROLLOVER RISKS

Some new design improvements could make the rollover risk in SUV's a thing of the past. Becky Thompson reports on how well stability controls work.

1:07 – Package

David Champion – Consumer Reports

6/23/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

UV / EYES

In summer, it is the time that the sun shines the brightest and sunglasses become an essential accessory. Your eyes need protection from ultraviolet light. Sara Burget reports on which sunglasses offer the best protection.

1:48 – Package

Dr. Carmen Puliafito – Ophthalmologist

Angel Perez – Licensed Optician

6/24/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Audrey Laganas

SECURED CREDIT CARDS

If you've had credit problems or a bankruptcy in the past, did you ever think a new credit card would be a great way to rebuild credit? It is called a "secured" credit card, but it comes with some strings attached. Audrey Laganas reports.

1:36 – Package

Ron Ramos – Consumer Credit

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6/25/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

DETERGENT PERFORMANCE

Dishwashers are one of the biggest conveniences of modern life. They can also be frustrating if they don't get your dishes clean. But it may not be the dishwasher that is malfunctioning. It may be the detergent. Becky Thompson reports.

1:25 – Package

Marri Davis Moffly – Consumer

Peter Heinlein – Consumer Reports

6/26/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

MUSIC DOWNLOADING

More than 50 million Americans illegally share songs online. RCA is going to file lawsuits against people with large collections of music downloaded illegally. They say the crackdown is necessary to protect musicians. But some consumer groups disagree.

:54 – SOT/VO

Fred Von Lohmann – Electronic Frontier

6/27/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

VACUUMS

Americans buy some 20 million new vacuums a year. Consumer Reports tested 33 to see which work the best. Becky Thompson reports on the results.

1:01 – Package

Tobie Stanger – Consumer Reports

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Nightly News

Tuesday, June 10

Nightly News examines airline prices. How can technology help you get a better deal on a trip?

Nightly News

Wednesday, June 11

Consumer Contributor Janice Lieberman has some important information on new reports about child safety seats.

Today

Tuesday, June 24

Today Consumer Correspondent Corey Greenberg takes a look at cell phones that double for such things as digital cameras and portable music devices.

Today

Wednesday, June 25

On *Today's Woman*, Today contributor and psychiatrist Dr. Gail Saltz has some tips on how to plan a problem-free wedding.

Nightly News

Thursday, June 26

The screening of checked luggage is a post-September 11th security measure. But what happens when items go missing from your bags? What are your rights?

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Dr. Phil

6/13/03

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

How can you cash in on a new creation without losing your shirt? Dr. Phil has some tips for entrepreneurs. He also shows how to evaluate inventions and know if you have a winner. He also advises on when to admit that it's time to give up.

Show #: 1154

Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: TAXES . . .APRIL

4/4/03, 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

BEER TAX

This tax may be hard to swallow. Governor Ed Rendell is proposing a huge tax hike on beer as a way to balance the State budget. Rendell is not alone; at least 18 other states are considering the same tax hike. Mark Allen reports.

:58 – Package

4/8/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

STEEL IMPORT TAX

The Steel Congress is hard at work today. It met to discuss the impact and future of the import tax on the steel industry. Mike Majchrowitz reports.

2:00 – Package

4/23/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ALTOONA HOSPITAL BILL UNPAID

Altoona Hospital has notified the city of Altoona it is backing out of a bill worth more than \$170,000. The agreement was in lieu of property taxes since non-profit groups cannot be taxed but does not have to be paid when the hospital declares a loss for the year. The shortfall will hurt the city.

:44 – SOT/VO

Joseph Weakland – City manager

4/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

TARIFF FOR BENEFITS

Congressman John Murtha has a plan to get retired steel workers their health care benefits. His plan involves the use of tariffs on imported steel to finance benefits.

:42 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha – (D) 12th District

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5/6/03, 5/6/11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

ALTOONA SCHOOL DEFICIT

Thanks to a budget deficit, the Altoona School District is looking for ways to cut costs. But it appears that there will be more money out of the pocket of taxpayers. Many don't want to use the rainy day fund. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:01 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona Area School District

5/12/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

ALTOONA SCHOOL BOARD ON BUDGET

Altoona School District is still working to balance the budget for next year, but many issues are still undecided. But they are telling taxpayers not to worry.

:45 – SOT/VO

Thomas Bradley – Altoona Area School

5/12/03, 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

TOURISM TAX

A new tax is in the works for Clearfield County, but it would be paid by people just passing through. Some feel the tax will be helpful, but others say it's just another nuisance. Dave Zafris reports.

1:40 – Package

Gene Lunsford – Clearfield County Commissioner

Desiree Lee – Holiday Inn Express

5/21/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

PROPERTY TAX DODGERS

Property taxes in Pennsylvania are notoriously high, and even though your bills are big, most of you pay up. However, thousands of people and businesses do not. Some can't afford the taxes; others try to scam the system. Who are these tax dodgers? Jon Meyer reports.

2:44 – Package

Sam Runzo – Cambria County Tax Claims

Katey Rose – Somerset County Tax Claims

Dr. Fred Soisson – Cambria County Commissioner

5/22/03, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

BUSH TAX CHANGES

Congress is poised to pass another major tax cut plan. Who gets the cuts, and how will it affect you? Alison Burns reports.

1:07 – Package

Tom Daschle – (D) Minority Leader

5/23/03, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

OPINIONS ON TAX CUT

Will the President's new tax cut stimulate the economy or just increase the deficit. People in Centre county offered their opinion.

:48 – SOT/VO

Tim Dershem – Reaction to tax rebate

Lisa Silvestri – Reaction to tax rebate

Jon Witmer – Reaction to tax rebate

Mark Shanabarger – Reaction to tax rebate

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: TAXES . . . MAY

5/28/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyers

TAX CUTS

Just about everyone will see some type of tax cut this year. But who are the big winners? People with children and small businesses get the biggest breaks. Are those breaks big enough to stimulate the economy? Jon Meyer reports on the cuts.

1:14 - Package

Sam Carpenter - Accountant

Tammy Graessle - Summerhill

Brenda Niessner - Johnstown

5/28/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

HOTEL TAX USE

Three percent doesn't sound like much, but it is bringing big bucks into Somerset County coffers. It's the hotel tax that has been in effect for about 8 months. Who gets the cash now? Sophia Wharton reports on how to qualify to use the money.

1:41 - Package

Annie Urban - Visitors Bureau

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6/2/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

LOW INCOME LEFT OUT

Some people are saying the new federal child tax credit discriminates against the poor. President Bush signed it into law and soon families will receive \$400 for every child under 17. But those with incomes between \$1100 and \$2600 get nothing.

:43 - SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter - (R) Pennsylvania

6/9/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

SALES TAX EXTENSION

You may soon pay less sales tax on some items in Pennsylvania while paying the tax on items never taxed before. Governor Rendell has proposed cutting the sales tax from six to four percent, but the plan is being criticized because it will be applied to such items as food and clothing.

:57 - SOT/VO

June Nida - Michigan resident

Shelly Lysic - Mother of three

6/16/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

NO TAX INCREASE

People in the Altoona School District will be happy to hear that there will be no tax increase this year. The school board is going forward with the budget, despite the fact that they don't know how much money is coming from the State. That made it very hard to establish a plan, but school board members worked it out.

:46 - SOT/VO

Dean Wilt - Altoona School District

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4/1/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

GARBAGE STICKERS

The city of Johnstown is getting ready to crack down on people who don't pay their garbage bills. They are losing a lot of money by residents who avoid paying, and now the city has a plan to stop what they call "theft of service."

:36 - SOT/VO

Joseph Bunk - City Finance Director

4/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

VOCATIONAL REHAB BUDGET

Community members with disabilities got the chance to voice their opinion at the Center for Independent Living about amendments to the State's plan for next year for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. The budget is tighter than ever.

:34 - SOT/VO

George Lubert - District Administrator

4/2/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

EFFICIENCY CHECK

Altoona is taking a close look at the way it does business. The city is undergoing an efficiency study to see if there are any improvements to be made. City government feels they have a duty to be as fiscally responsible as possible with the taxpayers' dollars.

:42 - SOT/VO

Wayne Hippo - Altoona City Council

4/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CASH FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Some Cambria County communities are getting State cash to make their areas ready for economic development. So what is the best way to use it? Hastings and Barr Township think it is updating water and sewage systems.

:34 - SOT/VO

Fred Querry - Community & Economic Development

4/8/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MEDICARE BARRIERS

Senator Rick Santorum is calling on Congress to reduce the barriers for people on Medicare. Santorum and Senator Blanche Lincoln are introducing legislation called the Medicare Innovation Responsiveness Act of 2003. It makes it easier for patients to get the latest advancements in medical technology.

:36 - SOT/VO

Sen. Rick Santorum - (R) Pennsylvania

4/8/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

RENDELL ON ECONOMY

Gov. Rendell, speaking before an audience of business, education, and government leaders in Philadelphia today outlined some more of his economic development initiatives. His Keystone Initiative Zones provides college graduates incentives to start businesses on or near college campuses.

:32 - SOT/VO

Ed Rendell - Pa Governor

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4/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHANGES

Some changes might be on the way for the nation's Section 8 housing program. It's designed to help those who need housing assistance. A new plan would put control into the hands of State governments. Locally, folks are concerned the move might lead to a reduction in funding. Dave Zafris reports.

:50 – Package

Dan Ferral – Altoona Housing Authority

Joseph Ivory – Section 8 landlord

4/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SENATOR ON ECONOMY

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter says there is no clear solution to the sagging economy, but an economic stimulus package is definitely needed.

:42 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

4/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

LEGALIZING SLOTS

State lawmakers say they're getting plenty of calls on Gov. Ed Rendell's idea to increase public school funding through gambling revenues. It's a new source of funds that could reduce property taxes, according to the Rendell plan.

:47 – SOT/VO

Mike Hanna – (D) Clinton County

4/22/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SHUSTER SUPPORT

Congressman Bill Shuster spoke today in support of President Bush's proposed budget cuts. He says the cuts will put money in people's pockets and allow them to have spending power, thus fueling the economy.

:40 – SOT/VO

Congressman Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

4/22/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

SANTORUM COMMENT REACTIONS

Sen. Rick Santorum has come under fire for comments he made the other day, comparing consensual gay sex to polygamy, incest, bigamy, and adultery. Brigitte Langmade reports on the storm of reactions in Washington.

1:23 – Package

Ari Fleischer – White House spokesman

Sen. John Kerry – (D) Critic

4/23/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

GAMBLING

The fate of gambling in Pennsylvania is still up in the air, but Gov. Rendell has confidence that slot machines will be up and running soon. He spoke again today on the importance of the revenue from the machines to his budget.

:51 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – Pennsylvania governor

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4/23/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Beverly Kirk

UNDER ATTACK

A top Republican from Pennsylvania is defending remarks he made about homosexuality. Commenting on a case before the Supreme Court, Sen. Rick Santorum compared homosexuality to bigamy, incest, and adultery. Gay rights groups say the comments are outrageous, but the senator stands by his remarks. Beverly Kirk reports.

1:40 – Package

Tom Donahue – Sen. Santorum constituent

Sen. Rick Santorum – (R) Pennsylvania

John Murtha – (D) 12th District

4/24/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

SANTORUM CONTROVERSY

The firestorm surrounding PA Senator Rick Santorum roars on. Santorum is going on with business as usual while there are cries for him to leave the Senate leadership. Jon Meyer reports on if Santorum is considering an apology.

1:19 – Package

Sen. Rick Santorum – (R) Pennsylvania

4/25/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SANTORUM FUTURE

Sen. Rick Santorum says he will not apologize for comments he made about a U.S. Supreme court case on sodomy. But many constituents here in Western Pennsylvania are siding with their lawmaker and his opinion. But are the comments going to hurt Santorum's political future?

:45 – Live

Ray Wrabley – Political Science Professor, UPJ

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5/6/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LEAGUE WEBSITE/VOTER TURNOUT

Going hi-tech in trying to spur new interest in politics and hoping to increase voter turnout is the reason that the League of Women Voters has dedicated a new website. They hope that easy access to the candidates viewpoints will encourage voters, particularly those in rural areas.

:41 - SOT/VO

Marianne Schrader - League of Women Voters

5/6/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

BARTENDER STANDARDS

With alcohol abuse always a major concern in college towns, bar and tavern owners in State College are upset with Pennsylvania's Liquor Control Board due to changes in bartender training programs and requirements. Gary Sinderson reports on why.

1:20 - Package

Hal McCullough - Tavern owner

5/6/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

FIXING THE ECONOMY

One local senator has offered his support for President Bush's job and economic growth plan. If passed, the plan would create 500 thousand new jobs by the end of this year.

:38 - SOT/VO

Sen. Rick Santorum - Pennsylvania

5/6/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

CONSTRUCTION CODE CHANGES

If you're building a new home or just adding on to your existing home, you should be aware of new construction codes that are being phased in across the state. One contractor says that the new codes do offer some advantages for homeowners. Mark Allen reports.

1:28 - Package

Nick Bailly - Code Enforcer

Richard Critchfield - Critchfield Construction

5/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

CHAPERONE LAW

High school proms across the state are likely to have a lot more chaperones this year due to legislation governing events held in places that hold liquor licenses. Lawmakers have approved a bill to repeal the increased chaperone standard, but it's not really a "done deal" that the governor will sign the repeal. Gary Sinderson reports on the controversy.

1:20 - Package

Jason "Fish" Miller - Petition organizer

5/8/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

POLICE MERGER

Two communities in Clearfield County are thinking about merging their police departments. A special meeting is being held tonight to discuss the pros and cons. Dave Zafris reports.

1:36 - Package

Bill Lawhead - Lawrence Supervisor

Edward Brown - Lawrence Supervisor

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5/8/03, 11 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

POLICE MERGER

Forming two police forces into one could save money for two Clearfield County towns. However, the police officers involved are concerned that jobs might be lost. Dave Zafris reports.

1:05 – Package

Bill Lawhead – Lawrence Supervisor

Edward Brown – Lawrence Supervisor

5/12/03, 5: / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

CUTS / HUMAN SERVICES

Budget cuts are being made across the board in Pennsylvania. Suffering from those cuts is the Human Service Development Fund along with state counties. This all means that human service programs are in trouble. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:50 – Package

Carl Schafer – Facilitator

Mahlon Fiscel – Executive Director

5/12/03, 5: / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

CHILD PORN LAW

As computer technology continues to advance, lawmakers are trying to keep up with the potential dangers. Regina Miller has the latest on a bill to stop internet child pornography.

:56 – Package

Clay Calvert – PSU Professor

Ken Gore – PSU Web Designer

5/13/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

TRANSIT CUTS

There are some tough choices ahead for the Transit Authority serving Centre County. Its funding sources have decreased while the ridership numbers are increasing. Should they make service cut backs or increase fares?

:45 – SOT/VO

Hugh Mose – C.A.T.A. General Manager

5/13/03, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

TREATMENT CUTS

The State budget cuts in human services will affect an array of people from teen moms to senior citizens. But in one area county, the biggest concern is for those who need treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. Natasha McBroom reports on the problem.

1:24 – Package

Donna Gority – Blair County Commissioner

5/13/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

SHERIFF / BOY SCOUTS

Centre County's sheriff is in trouble from an unexpected source. Atheist groups are threatening a lawsuit because they say a government official should not be working with the boy scouts, an organization they say discriminates against religious and sexual orientation. Gary Sinderson reports on the controversy.

1:31 – Package

Lorie Polansky – American Atheists, Inc.

Denny Nau – Centre County Sheriff

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5/13/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SLOT MACHINE VOTE

A vote on a Republican plan to authorize slot machines at horse racing tracks across the state isn't expected till June, but supporters are making their position known. They say the move would generate more money for schools and lower property taxes.

:47 – SOT/VO

Barry Wickes – PA Tourism and Lodging

5/20/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DISPATCH CENTER MOVE

Ebensburg Borough officials are fighting a proposal to move Cambria County's Emergency Dispatch Center to Johnstown, where a new Emergency Operation Center is being constructed.

:45 – SOT/VO

Charlie Moyer – Ebensburg mayor

5/21/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Michael Williams

TERROR ALERT COST

The increase in terrorist activities has officials raise the national threat level. With the increase in Homeland Security comes increase costs for local and state governments. How can they handle the increase in budgets already stretched to the max? Michael Williams reports.

1:42 – Package

Thomas Menino – U.S. Conference of Mayors

Scott Pattison – National State Budget Office

5/27/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

GAMBLING PROPOSAL

State legislators are scheduled to vote next week on a bill that would legalize gambling in Pennsylvania. Some pastors in our area are urging voters to contact their representatives and tell them to vote against the measure. They say gambling will hurt families. Gov. Rendell is in favor of the plan.

:37 – SOT/VO

Nathan Morten – Fundamental Baptist

5/28/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

BUILDING STANDARDS

The days of building a home code-free in Pennsylvania are coming to a close. Uniform building standards go into effect later this year. Why are the new codes important? Mark Allen reports.

1:23 – Package

Nick Bailey – Code Enforcer

Rich Critchfield – Critchfield Construction

5/29/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MONEY WINDFALL

Gov. Ed Rendell has a plan on how to spend an unexpected cash windfall from the Federal government. He wants to restore cuts already made in next year's budget. But will state lawmakers go along with the plan?

:47 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

NBC: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS MAY

Nightly News

Wednesday, May 15

On NBC Nightly News, what if you were forced out of your home? In a special Fleecing of America report, NBC examines what the government can do to homeowners when it wants your property for public projects.

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6/5/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

BAN / PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION

A measure to ban partial-birth abortion has passed both the House and Senate but differences in the two versions must still be worked out. One local lawmaker is pushing for a speed-up in that process.

:39 – SOT/VO

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

6/5/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PRESCHOOL / DECREASING CRIME

Governor Ed Rendell is trying to raise money for education and fight crime at the same time with a new bill. He says that increasing money for pre-school for low-income families will decrease crime.

:54 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

6/5/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MERGER / HUNTING & FISHING COMM.

Work continues on the possibility of merging Pennsylvania's Fish & Game Commissions. Lawmakers say it's stirring up some controversy. Some people believe a merger would increase the administrative and financial efficiency of the agencies, while others say it would be like fixing something that isn't broke.

:46 – SOT/VO

Rep. Mike Hanna – (D) Centre County

6/11/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

BUDGET PLAN

Governor Rendell is turning up the heat on State legislators to pass his budget and economic stimulus plan, as Pennsylvania's financial situation continues to grow worse. Less money is coming in than expected, and reserve funds are dwindling. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:51 – Package

Gregory Fajt – PA Secretary of Revenue

6/13/03, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

INFORMATION REQUEST

The North-Central Regional Planning and Development Commission has denied a request from two area newspapers for budget and salary information as provided by the Freedom of Information Act. The same info had also been denied to the Clearfield County Controller. U.S. Representative John Peterson says the information should be released.

1:03 – SOT/VO

Dave Black – Jefferson County Commission

6/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

ORDINANCE PAYS OFF

Enforcement of Johnstown's new garbage ordinance has not started yet, but the controversial ordinance seems to be working at solving the theft of service problem the city was having with garbage bill collection.

:48 – SOT/VO

Joseph Bunk – Finance Director

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6/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

NEW BUILDING CODES/STILL PLANNED

When the Dept. of Labor and Industry withdrew its regulations for some reworking last week, state officials said this would cause a two-year delay in implementation. But now the administrator of the Uniform Construction Code Company says the new regs will be resubmitted in 30 days and the standards needed in the industry will be in place later this year. Mark Allen reports.

:50 - Package

Nick Bailey - Code Enforcer

6/18/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

COMMISSION CONTROVERSY

Clearfield County is dropping out of the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission. The Clearfield Commissioners passed a resolution to withdraw because the four top officers on the development commission were given 10-year contracts. The commissioners say that's too much authority.

:47 - SOT/VO

Gene Lunsford - Clearfield commissioner

6/18/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

LIBRARY CUTS

Many libraries across the state are feeling the pinch from the state budget crunch. Governor Rendell is cutting the funding of libraries in half, and locally, that means not buying any new books, cutting hours, and even summer reading programs.

:48 - SOT/VO

Lyn Meek - Director

6/18/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

REBUILD DOWNTOWN AREAS

The Pennsylvania Senate has a new idea to spur business growth in downtown areas. They are hoping to create a tax credit for those businesses who purchase and restore buildings in historic districts.

:36 - SOT/VO

Sen. Allen Kukovich - (D) Westmoreland County

6/19/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brian Mooar

FAST FOOD LAWSUITS

Heavyweights from the fast food industry went to Capitol Hill today to ask for protection from lawsuits claiming their menus are not only unhealthy but addictive. Brian Mooar reports.

1:31 - Package

Rick Berman - Center for Cons. Freedom

John Banzhaf - George Washington University

6/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

BUDGET CUTS

If Governor Rendell's budget passes, it will mean major cuts for human services. The Cambria County Human Service Director wants everyone to realize the help that comes from the Human Services Development Fund and what it will mean for the communities when it is no longer available.

:49 - SOT/VO

Wendy Stewart - NAMI

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6/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

CAMTRAN APPROVES CUTS

Transit Authority made the decision this morning to cut several bus routes because of a \$450 thousand shortfall in the budget as a result of cuts in State and federal funding. It is a major blow to those who rely on the bus to get to work, buy groceries, even visit with family and friends. Mark Allen reports.

1:23 – Package

Pamela Wissinger -Windber

Michael Walters – Bus driver

Gail Sabo – Windber

6/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jarod Latch

AMUSEMENT PARK BINGO

Now that the possibility exists that the State will expand gambling, Pennsylvania amusement parks want permission to hold bingo games on their property. But not everyone thinks that is a good idea. Jarod Latch reports.

1:22 – Package

Jerome Gibas – GM, Idewild Park

Dan Varner – Huntingdon Borough

6/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

FIRE COMPANY CLOSES

A fire company in Blair County is forced to close its doors, and many wonder about the effect of fire and rescue response. The borough cut off its funding after some underage drinking occurred at some fund raisers. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:15 – Package

Chris Hammond – Former citizen

Robert Kerns – Fire Marshall

6/20/03, 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

RENDELL SPOKESMAN VISIT

One of Gov. Ed Rendell's top advisors was in our region today, answering questions about the future of Pennsylvania, including the controversial issue of slot machines.

:51 – SOT/VO

Stephen Schmerin – Sec. Dept of Labor & Industry

6/23/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jarod Latch

LIBRARY FILTERS / RULING

The ongoing debate over Internet pornography in libraries reached a decision this morning from Washington lawmakers. They ruled that public libraries must install Internet filters to retain Federal money. Is it censorship? Jarod Latch reports on the decision and local reaction.

:53 – Package

Lynn Meek – Cambria County Library

6/24/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HUMANE SOCIETY ELECTION

The Cambria County Humane Society has a new Board of Directors, thanks to a judicial ruling that allowed 3 write-in candidates on each ballot. The old board wanted to accept only 1 write-in name and some ballots had 5 write-in names.

:54 – SOT/VO

Jon Zonin – Lead write-in candidate

Pam Boderocco – Humane Society President

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6/24/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

ADDICTION TREATMENT

Some members of the Pennsylvania legislature are calling for more funding for drug and alcohol treatment. They say funding cuts could mean up to 40 thousand people would be denied treatment. They also say treatment is less expensive than paying for an addicts related medical conditions or jail time.

:48 - SOT/VO

Rep. Gene Digirolamo - (R) Bucks County

6/26/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SLOT MACHINES / PASSED IN SENATE

Pennsylvania is one step closer to having slot machines at racetracks. The State Senate passed the bill despite the fact that some area representatives oppose the measure.

:40 - SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman - (R) 34th District

6/26/03, 5 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

BLAIR COUNTY / POLITICAL BATTLES

Politics is known for mud slinging and shrewd comments made by candidates towards opponents, but how far is too far? Does hiring a private investigator cross the line ethically or legally? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:22 - Package

Patrick Fanelli - Attorney

Daniel Dileo - Associate Professor of Political Science

6/27/03, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SANTORUM ON SODOMY

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a Texas sodomy law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy. An area Senator who vigorously supported that law spoke today on the ruling.

:54 - SOT/VO

Rick Santorum - U.S. Senator

NBC: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS JUNE

Nightly News

Thursday, June 5

On NBC Nightly News, looking at the President's tax cut plan, why is it that low income military families may not get a child's tax credit? Are some families unfairly left out of the savings?

Nightly News

Wednesday, June 11

Today has the latest on the bipartisan legislation unveiled Tuesday by key Capital Hill lawmakers that would expand Medicare prescription drug programs.

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4/3/03, 11 PM, Thursday Dave Zafris

ALTOONA COUNCIL RACE

Altoona City Council has three seats up for grabs in the November elections. There are five candidates vying for their party's endorsement in the May primary. Tonight, the candidates were trying to impress organized labor with their plans and ideas for the city. Dave Zafris reports.

1:20 – Package

August Stickel – Candidate (R)

Bruce Kelly – Candidate (R)

Denny Batrus – Candidate (D)

Ron Reidell – Incumbent (R)

4/10/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

BLAIR CANDIDATES

People in Blair County had the chance to meet and question some important people today. They're the candidates for commissioner and judge. Natasha McBroom reports on what the tough issues are that are facing these candidates.

1:08 – Package

Jodi Cessna – President of LBCAA

4/14/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Voters in Centre County got a chance to decide who they might be voting for tonight. A public meeting sponsored by the Republican Party allowed viewers to question candidates on the issues.

:39 – SOT/VO

G.T. Thompson – Republican Committee

4/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE

A Republican is throwing his hat into the ring for the 9th Congressional seat. Michael DelGrosso is running against Bill Shuster, saying his business experience will be an asset to the region.

1:01 – SOT/VO

Michael DelGrosso – (R) 9th District candidate

4/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SOMERSET SCHOOL BOARD

Parents in the Somerset School District are meeting the men and women running for a spot on the school board. They include a group of incumbents and newcomers who could play a crucial role in the ongoing contract negotiations with teachers.

:40 – SOT/VO

Tina Burns – Junior High Principal

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5/13/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SMEAR CAMPAIGN

An "attack e-mail" has spurred a response from an area politician. Blair County Commissioner John Eichelberger says the letter doesn't state any facts about him, just lies. He says he has tracked down some of the funding for the letter and says it came from the "Bill Shuster for Congress State Leadership Political Action Committee."

:48 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

5/14/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

CLEARFIELD JUDGE RACE

The Primary elections are less than a week away. The 4 candidates for Clearfield County judge are trying to get you to come out and vote for them. What do they have to offer? Dave Zafris reports.

1:41 - Package

Paul Cherry - Candidate for judge

Theron G. Noble - Candidate for judge

John Sobel - Candidate for judge

Kim Kesner - Candidate for judge

5/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

SOMERSET SCHOOL BOARD RACE

As the Primary draws near, a lot of eyes in Somerset County are on one race, the race for the Somerset School Board. The main question all are hoping to see resolved is the situation with the teacher contracts. Sophia Wharton looks at the candidates.

1:38 - Package

Karen Kuhn - Candidate for Board

John Coleman - Incumbent Board Member

5/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

REFERENDUMS

Some voters in Cambria County are being asked to say "no" to strip clubs, while voters in Somerset County are again being asked to vote "yes" for alcohol. Those are just two referendums on the ballot. Mark Allen reports.

1:02 - Package

Kurt Freidhoff - Supervisor

5/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

BLAIR JUDGE RACE

Four candidates in Blair County are gearing up for one of the closest races in years. They're all after one position, judge of the Blair County court of Common Pleas. Each one is fighting hard to win. Natasha McBroom reports.

2:37 - Package

Ray Eckenrode - Altoona Mirror Editor

5/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

CAMBRIA COMMISSIONER RACE

One race in the region that is really heating up is the one for Cambria County Commissioner. That is due partially to the retirement of 2 long-time commissioners and the controversy over Laurel Crest. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:10 - Package

Fred Soisson - Commission President

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5/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

COMMISSIONER RACES

Across the state, many regions have a substantial number of candidates running for a county commissioner position. While some say it reflects the changing nature of local politics, others point to larger issues involved. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:22 – Package

Sen. Jake Corman – (R) Centre County

5/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

VOTER TURNOUT

Volunteers at polling places throughout the region say that voter turnout has been exceptionally low. Sophia Wharton reports on why.

1:18 – Package

Linda Salem – Volunteer Clerk

Richard Voytko, MD – Regular voter

5/20/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Various

ELECTION RESULTS

WJAC-TV reported on the results of a wide number of Primary races throughout the region, from School Board races to County Commissioner races to referendums. The results were related with live reports from locations in each county as listing below:

Jon Meyer	Cambria County
Natasha McBroom	Blair County
Dave Zafris	Clearfield County
Gary Sinderson	Centre County
Mark Allen	Bedford County
Sophia Wharton	Somerset County

10:00 – Live

5/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

ELECTION / PRISON PROJECT

One of the immediate questions from the primary results in Centre County is what it means for the long-debated county prison project. The new prison was an issue during the campaign and with new names on the November ballot, the project is expected to get a new look. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:12 – Package

Chris Exarchos – Commissioner candidate

5/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

BLAIR CANDIDATES

Now that we know who will face who in the Fall, what do these candidates have in mind to help the people of Blair County? Natasha McBroom spoke to the winners to find out what they have in mind if they're elected in November.

1:18 – Package

John Eichelberger – (R) Winner – Commissioner

Barry Wright – (R) Winner – Commissioner Primary

Elizabeth Doyle – (R) Winner – Judge Primary

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5/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

RESORT EXPANSION

Thanks to the results of voting Tuesday on a referendum giving Seven Springs permission to sell alcohol in Middlecreek Township, Seven Springs is set to start a major expansion project. It passed by only 14 votes, but will bring in thousands of tax dollars to the township and county. Jon Meyers reports.

1:05 – Package

Scott Bender – Seven Springs President

5/22/03, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

D.A. MOVES TO JUDGE

Clearfield County's District Attorney won both Democrat and Republican primaries for County Judge. So Paul Cherry most likely will be sworn in to the bench next January. That could mean a major backup of criminal cases because he would not be able to rule on any case he worked on as District Attorney.

:59 – SOT/VO

Paul Cherry – Clearfield D.A.

5/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

PRISON PROJECT DEBATE

The debate just won't stop over the Centre County prison project. It has heated up again as a result of the Primary Election. The current Commissioner Board is at odds with the latest commissioner candidates over the future of the project. The rift is so wide, election officials are now investigating the eligibility of write-in candidates for the positions. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:07 – Package

5/29/03, 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

WRITE-IN VOTES

In Centre County, they are still counting the write-in votes from last week's primary election. Many races, including the State College precincts, had write-in candidates. That has generated a lot of extra work for those who tabulate the votes. It has some election officials calling for change.

:40 – SOT/VO

Joyce McKinley – Centre County Elections Director

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6/2/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DELGROSSO FOR CONGRESS

An area man is throwing his hat into the political ring with his eyes set on an incumbent's seat. Republican Michael DelGrosso is running against Bill Shuster for Congress, saying his military service, educational background, and work in Washington, D.C. make him more qualified than Shuster.

1:00 – SOT/VO

Michael DelGrosso – Congressional Candidate

6/13/03, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BACK ON BALLOT

Even after losing her re-election bid as a Republican, a Sandy Township supervisor is back on the ballot. It took several weeks to count write-in votes, but Sherry Beers was the winner of the 2nd opening on the Democratic ballot.

:39 – SOT/VO

Sherry Beers – Running for re-election

6/20/03, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

VOTE COUNT CHANGES

After a long seemingly endless vote counting process for the Primary election, a speedup of the process on election night, along with allowing voters to better check their ballots may be coming to Centre County. A Federal law designed to streamline vote counting is being analyzed to see how it will impact individual counties.

:44 – SOT/VO

Joyce McKinley – Centre County Election Director

6/23/03, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SHUSTER RUN

Republicans gathered today to discuss the importance of the Congressional seat in the Ninth District to the control of Congress. Bill Shuster will be challenged next year by fellow Republican Michael Del-Grosso.

:49 – SOT/VO

Tom Delay – U.S. House Majority Leader

6/24/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

ATTACK ADS

Politics can be a nasty business with mud slinging and name calling, but this time it is all within the same party. Attack ads against Commissioner John Eichelberger were mailed out and the commissioner has accused Congressman Bill Shuster of the action. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:18 – Package

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

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4/1/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

MINE EXPANSION HEARING

A public hearing is set for tonight on a controversial mining operation in Centre County. A number of residents of the town of Howard are worried that a request to expand a sandstone mine on Bald Eagle Mountain will hurt their quality of life.

:30 - VO

4/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

ILLEGAL DUMPING

"The Dirty Dozen" is the new nickname for the twelve illegal dumpsites in Pennsylvania. Regina Miller reports on the effect of all this trash on our State parks.

1:18 - Package

Ted Onufrak - Solid Waste Authority

4/10/03, 5 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

RECYCLING

One industry that continues steady growth in Pennsylvania is the recycling business. Last year it generated more than 20 billion dollars in revenue. Earth Day activities are reinforcing the importance of recycling and how it provides cleaner safer living conditions. Gary Sinderson reports.

:40 - Package

Joanne Shafer - Centre County Recycling Director

4/29/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SPRING CLEANUP

Sprink Creek is not only a world renown fishing spot, but also the watershed provides for many of the water needs throughout Centre County. Unfortunately, it also serves as a dumping site for illegal trash.

:41 - SOT/VO

Jason Bell - Clearwater Conservancy

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5/2/03, 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

SLUDGE

A Somerset County man wants to put sludge on his property. But his neighbors say it would pose a health risk to everyone in the neighborhood. Mark Allen reports on the controversy.

1:20 – Package

Sandy Lepley – Resident

Red Whittaker – Landowner

5/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CONTROLLING WATER

Bedford County officials believe a new development could cause flooding and pollution, so the Planning Commission is talking about regulations that will require developers to properly attend to storm water.

:43 – SOT/VO

Paul Berry – Gordon Moss Engineering

5/8/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

LANDFILL MEETING

People are rallying against a proposed landfill along Route 219 in Clearfield County. They are fighting a proposed dump between DuBois and Brockway, officials saying it will damage the environment.

:39 – Package

Dave Black – Jefferson County Commissioner

5/9/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

STREAM TREATMENT

Construction is underway in Nanty Glo to bring aquatic life back to the stream. The Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority along with the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers is building a water treatment facility off Route 271 to treat contaminated water from an abandoned mine. While everyone is happy with the project, they are distressed by the price tag.

:40 – SOT/VO

Kathleen Anderson – Project manager

5/9/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

LOGAN CENTER

Developers for Logan Center were granted a permit to begin site excavation despite misgivings by the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service who says the project could harm the environment.

1:00 – SOT/VO

Jim Patterson – Logan Twp. Supervison

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6/2/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SEWER SLUDGE DEBATE

Larimar Township residents are up in arms about the idea of Johnstown's waste being dumped on their land. Some non-resident property owners proposed putting Johnstown sewage on their 900 acres, and now other residents are opposing it.

:44 - SOT/VO

Sandy Lepley - Larimar Township

6/3/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CITIZENS FORM GROUP

To protest the spreading of sewer sludge on land in Somerset County, some citizens have formed an environmental watch group. They have health concerns about proposed plans for neighboring lands.

:40 - SOT/VO

Sandy Lepley - Opposes sludge

6/6/03, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SLUDGE PROBLEMS

Larimer Township is still fighting against having sludge dumped in their town. Now they have more support. Somerset County Commissioners say they are not in favor of sludge being sprayed on any county land. They have asked the county solicitor to look into legal options.

:46 - SOT/VO

Jim Marker - Somerset County Commissioner

6/10/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

BRINE PLANT OPPOSED

A brine treatment company wants to open a plant in Punxsutawney, but some people there oppose the plan because of concerns about pollution. They are worried about the effect on the Mahoning Creek. Dave Zafris reports on the concerns.

:52 - Package

C.W. Yahner - Lives by creek

Wayne Anderson - Circulated petition against plant

6/12/03, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MEETING ABOUT PLANT

A special meeting is being held tonight in Punxsutawney to discuss a proposed brine treatment plant. Hundreds of residents are opposing the plant that they think will dump unsafe chemicals into the Mahoning Creek.

:45 - SOT/VO

Paul Hart - Hart Resource Technology

6/17/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

CREEK POLLUTION

Polluted streams are common in West-Central Pennsylvania, but some community members in Clearfield say they have had enough. They are tired of acidic water flowing into the Clearfield Creek from Brubaker Run and they want it cleaned up. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:18 - Package

Arthur Rose - Geochemistry expert

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6/24/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

OFFICE PLANTS

Many people complain of recycled air in their office buildings or just sick building syndrome. How can you make your office healthier? Sara Burget reports that you can add lots of plants.

1:41 - Package

Brandy Balken - Cactus & Tropicals

Kurt Jarsen - Resource Management

Joe Hiller - Cafe owner

6/24/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BRINE COMPANY REJECTED

Punxsutawney Council members voted not to allow Hart Resources Technology to drill a hole through a dike in Mahoning Creek for the discharge of treated brine water. They hoped to discourage the company from building the plant, but the company says it will go forward anyway.
:28 - VO

6/25/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

VACANCIES FILLED

As residents in Somerset County continue to fight the use of sludge in their neighborhood, leadership in that township has changed. Fortunately for the anti-sludge residents, the new supervisors say they are against the use of sludge and are confident they can keep the sludge out.
1:07 - SOT/VO

Allen Cox - New Supervisor

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4/2/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK

PennDOT is asking you to think twice before driving while you are sleepy. Officials warn that driving while tired can be as dangerous as driving drunk.

:43 – SOT/VO

Michelle Jacoby – PennDOT

4/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

CHILD SAFETY REMINDERS

It has been a really long winter, and kids are begging to get outside and ride bikes and run the neighborhood. But that means observing some safety precautions. Police want everyone to recall what they may have forgotten over the winter. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:20 – Package

Capt. Andy Frear – Johnstown Police

Nadine Zatsick – Westmont

Daniel Wehner, MD – Conemaugh E.R.

4/10/03, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

JOHNSTOWN/SECURITY MEASURES

The city of Johnstown is taking steps to protect its workers. There is no longer an open door policy for visitors to the Public Safety Building. New security measures are now in effect.

:43 – SOT/VO

Jeff Silka – Johnstown City Manager

4/16/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

BRUSH FIRE DANGER

Foresters are calling the woods throughout our region a tinderbox ready to go up in flames. Just a few days of dry weather is enough to make last Fall's leaves ready to burn easily.

:37 – SOT/VO

Robert Schweitzer – District Forester

4/24/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

FIRE SAFETY DRILLS

Smoke detectors sounding off in the middle of the night may not always wake-up children who are deep sleepers. But once family members are aware of a fire danger, they need to follow a pre-arranged plan to escape. Unfortunately, most families don't have plans or have never actually practiced a fire drill at home. Jennifer Kallin reports on the importance of regularly practicing home fire drills – it could save the lives of your family members.

3:27 – Package

Don Blasko – Firefighter

4/25/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

OUTDOORS SAFETY

With summer break just around the corner, Cambria County school children are learning how to protect themselves. A "Farm and Outdoor Safety" day was held at Blacklick Valley to instill safety habits at a young age that organizers hope will last a lifetime.

:36 – SOT/VO

Joseph Diamond – PA Farm Bureau

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4/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

TRUCKER CHANGES

Truckers can drive longer, but they'll also have to rest more. The federal government has announced new guidelines for truck drivers in an effort to cut down on accidents caused by tired drivers. Will it work? Mark Allen reports.

1:01 – Package

Don Corl – Altoona

Shawn Bills – Ohio

C.W. Whitson - Texas

NBC – SAFETY ISSUES APRIL

Today

Tuesday, April 22

Orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Gloria Beim talks about a book she co-wrote for the female athlete called: "The Female Athlete's Body Book: How To Prevent and Treat Sports Injuries in Women and Girls."

Today

Friday, April 25

Kathleen Beatty, author of "A Girl's Gotta Do What A Girl's Gotta Do: The Ultimate Guide To Living Safe And Smart" talks about why she has become an advocate for empowering women to take control of their own personal safety.

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5/8/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

HELMET LAW

A major motorcycle safety law could be taken off the books. Sen. John Wozniak of Johnstown is pushing a bill to let bikers ride without helmets. Jon Meyer reports.

1:17 – Package

Danny Kascucki – Motorcycle shop owner

Larry Galayda – Biker

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

5/10/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

HELMET DANGERS

Health care organizations across Pennsylvania are fighting a proposed law to let bikers ride without helmets. Doctors, hospital administrators, and nurses say they will see more serious injuries and more deaths if bikers get a choice about helmets.

:46 – SOT/VO

Dr. S. Lee Miller – Memorial Medical Center

5/12/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HELMET LAW PROTEST

Hundreds of bikers roared into Harrisburg today demanding a change in Pennsylvania's Helmet Law. They are lobbying for the state to make it the driver's decision of whether or not to wear a helmet.

:39 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

5/16/03, 5 PM, Friday Shari Ast

CANDY OR PILLS

Every year, about half a million children ingest medicine or household cleaning products. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says 30 children die from them every year. How is it happening. Shari Ast reports that part of the reason is due to the appealing look of the products.

2:05 – Package

Stacy Fitzer – Daycare Assistant

5/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

QUEECREEK SUIT

Some of the Queecreek miners are filing a lawsuit, saying the accident that left them trapped could have been prevented. The evidence being looked at is quite different than what prior investigations found. Jon Meyer reports.

2:01 – Package

Blaine Mayhugh – Rescued miner

5/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

GUN LOCKS

Police in Logan Township say there has never been an accident with a gun there. And what's the best way to keep it that way? They say it's handing out free gunlocks to residents. Natasha McBroom reports on keeping kids safe from guns.

1:06 – Package

Chief Ron Heller – Logan Township Police

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Nightly News

Friday, May 2

Fred Francis reports on car safety for children. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the total traffic fatality numbers are up, but is enough being done to protect our youngest riders?

Today

Thursday, May 15

As part of a special TODAY's Home Series: 48 Hour Fix-up...TODAY contributor Lou Manfredini will be live from his house in Chicago to demonstrate how to install better and safer garage door openers.

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6/2/03, 5 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

FIREWORKS RULES

Response to 9-1-1 terrorist attacks continues to be far reaching. Now it is believed that new regulations involving explosives will have an impact on July 4th fireworks shows across the nation. Gary Sinderson reports on the growing concerns in small communities that they won't have a show.

1:20 – Package

Dan Barker – Fireone Pyrotechnics

6/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Regina Miller

TRUCKER SAFETY

Truckers in Somerset County want to promote safety among younger drivers and a better relationship between drivers and truckers on the road. How can they do it? They are giving teens the chance to see how it is behind the wheel of a tractor-trailer. Regina Miller reports.

1:35 – Package

Bill Correll – Drivers Ed. Teacher

Ben Flowers – Student driver

Roger Lee - Somerset County Truckers Assoc.

6/3/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BOOSTER SEATS / THE LAW

It is the law that all children in Pennsylvania must be in child safety seats in vehicles. That means they must use a booster seat as they get older. If you don't think it is important, think again. Children using adult seat belts can end up dead because of where the belt falls. A new study says booster seats reduce the risk by 60 percent.

:55– Sot/VO

Dennis Durbin – Children's Hospital, Philadelphia

6/3/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Tracie Potts

CELL PHONE USE / DRIVING

The Federal government is recommending a ban on young drivers using cell phones while on the road. Today, the National Transportation Safety Board held a hearing on just how dangerous it can be to talk on the phone and drive at the same time. Tracie Potts reports.

1:19 – Package

Joseph Osterman - National Transportation Safety Board

Jellen Engleman – National Transportation Safety Board

6/9/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Julie Vallese

ATV'S / KIDS

Several local kids were injured today following a head-on crash with A-T-V's. Because of the poor safety record of all-terrain vehicles, one group is calling for changes. The Consumer Federation of America is asking for a ban on the sale of adult A-T-V's for use by children. Julie Vallese reports.

1:34 – Package

Hal Stratton – CPSC, Chairman

Elisabeth Piper – ATV Safety Institute

6/10/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

POOL SAFETY

Now that the summer is finally starting to heat up, lots of people are looking to the pool to cool off. It's a fun activity, but it can be dangerous as well, especially for children. Unfortunately, adults forget that children need to review safety rules for the pool every year. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:25 – Package

Scott Magley, MD – E.R., Altoona Hospital

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6/16/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

SECURITY / MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Altoona is taking the initiative to secure a municipal building. City Hall will now have someone monitoring who goes in and out of the building. But this move leads to questions about the security of other building across the region. For example, why is there no security increase at the Blair County courthouse? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:42 – Package

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

6/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jared Latch

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Now that kids are out of school, they'll be hitting neighborhood playgrounds. There are a number of thing to consider when it comes to safety playing under the sun. One of the most important things is one that most parents never think about, water. Jared Latch reports.

1:17 – Package

Scott Magley, MD – Altoona Hospital

6/16/03, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HELMETS ARE LIFESAVERS

State lawmakers will soon vote on the law allowing motorcycle riders to decide whether they want to ride with a helmet. Trauma doctors and motorcycle crash survivors teamed up today to tell lawmakers that helmets are lifesavers.

:40 – VO

6/17/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marc Packard

WEST NILE BLOOD TEST

Confidence in the integrity of the nation's blood supply took a serious hit last summer when health officials determined that West Nile Virus could be transmitted through blood transfusions. How is the FDA addressing the problem this year now that mosquitoes weather is upon us? Marc Packard reports on a new testing method just approved,

1:32 – Package

Sid Barett, Jr. – Blood Donor

Grady Braziel – Red Cross

6/18/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

WEST NILE OR LYMES DISEASE

It's that time of the year when many of our activities move to outside. That can mean an increased chance of mosquito bites and West Nile virus. But is that the biggest insect threat that we should worry about? Dave Zafris reports that Lymes Disease can be even more devastating.

:57 – Package

Kimberly Smolko – Clearfield Hospital

6/18/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

RAILROAD SAFETY

Last year 544 people were killed at railroad crossings and an additional 352 people were injured while trespassing on railroad property. So Norfolk Southern and Pennsylvania Operation Lifesaver have teamed up to remind folks about the dangers of carelessness around railroad tracks. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:13 – Package

Ross Dye – Freight conductor

Rudy Husband – Norfolk Southern

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6/18/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

CAR SAFETY FEATURES

Over the years, cars have evolved, not only in style but in safety. Becky Thompson examines safety features to see just how far they've come and which features protect your life best.

1:12 – Package

David Champion – Consumer Reports

6/20/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

BATH TUB TOYS

Are the tub toys your child plays with while bathing really clean? Sara Burget reports on the hazard they may pose to your child if they hold mold, mildew, or bacteria.

1:28 – Package

Tammy Lamorte – Mom

Janice Brock-Mazzo – Mom

Dr. Lori Dane – Microbiologist

6/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WEST NILE & PETS

Experts say that they now believe pets could be at risk for West Nile Virus. The precautions to take for them are very much like those taken for people.

:55 – SOT/VO

Dr. Fred Metzger – Veterinarian

6/30/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jarod Latch

WEST NILE HERE

West Nile virus is here. The potentially deadly virus has found its way to west Central PA, according to experts who tested a dead bird in Bedford. Jarod Latch reports on important cautions for your family.

2:00 – Package

Guy Stottlemeyer – West Nile Coordinator

Jeffrey Thomas – Johnstown

Eugene Davis – Bedford County

6/30/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

CARELESSNESS

Tens of thousands of Americans will face injury and death this summer from carelessness during normal everyday activities. Sara Burget has safety reminders for the summer.

2:00 – Package

Jim King – North Atlantic Swim Association

Julie Gerberding – C.D.C.

NBC - SAFETY ISSUES JUNE

Dateline

Tuesday, June 17

How many intersections do you drive through every day? That's how many times you're at risk of being in the deadliest kind of car accident, especially if you're hit by an SUV or a pick-up. Surprisingly, there haven't been any crash tests that measure which cars can protect you in that kind of accident, until now. Chief Consumer Correspondent, Lea Thompson with the exclusive results of this very important test. Fred Francis reports on car safety for children. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the total traffic fatality numbers are up, but is enough being done to protect our youngest riders?

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4/1/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

RETIREEES INSURANCE GONE

Bethlehem Steel's responsibility for nearly 100 thousand retirees is now over. The company stopped paying for healthcare benefits at midnight. These folks have never had to deal with healthcare before and many have no idea where to turn. Jon Meyer reports.

:46 - Package

Bruce Davis - Attorney for Rebco

4/1/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

SMALL BUSINESSES

Businesses in small towns usually have a problem competing with malls. But some communities are trying to lure shoppers back home. How can they do it. Dave Zafris reports.

1:49 - Package

4/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

RETIREEES AND INSURANCE

With Bethlehem retirees no longer under company healthcare, there is a group of nearly 100 thousand people who are now potential clients for insurance companies. That has many representatives working hard to sign up the new clients. But the retirees are also a target for unscrupulous companies looking for easy marks. Jon Meyer reports on what retirees face.

1:19 - Package

4/4/03, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

TAA PROGRAM

Displaced workers in Pennsylvania were promised help from the State, so why haven't they got it. The Trade Adjustment Assistance act includes unemployment benefits, insurance, income support, and job training. One congressman is asking where the money is.

:40 - SOT/VO

Phil English - Congressman

4/7/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

JOBS CREATION / PHILIPSBURG

After years of struggling with economic setbacks, there may be good news for the Moshannon Valley. There was a groundbreaking today for a new manufacturing plant there, and the stalemate over a Federal prison construction project has been resolved. Some say the key is diversifying.

:53 - SOT/VO

Stan Lafuria - Moshannon Valley partnership

4/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

STORM REPURCUSSIONS

Snow plowers are tired of winter, and so are the people who have to work out state and city budgets. Will this latest bout of harsh weather bring financial woes with it? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:38 - Package

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4/7/03, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

DRUG PROGRAMS BUDGET CUTS

The operation of several drug treatment facilities in Pennsylvania say cuts in the State budget could force them to close. They say that would cause crime to skyrocket and costs for counties to dramatically increase. Jon Meyer reports.

1:23 – Package

Jonathan Wolf – CEO Pyramid Healthcare

4/7/03, 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

CANDY COMPANY DEBATE

There is confusion, apprehension, and anticipation tonight over the future of Altoona's Boyer Candy Company. The plant is shut down since Friday, and a court fight over its assets is apparently headed to resolution. Union officials remain hopeful. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:06 – Package

4/8/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

RULING IN UNION'S FAVOR

Nearly one thousand union members at Johnstown America are celebrating what they call a victory in their contract battle. A National Labor Relations Board judge ruled the company was wrong when it put into effect a contract the union rejected. Jon Meyer reports.

1:10 – Package

Ray Jastrzab – Steelworker's Union

George Morgan – 32 years at J.A.C.

Denny Carnhan – Union president

John Carroll – Company President

4/9/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

AIRPORT CONTROVERSY

An expansion plan at the University Park Airport isn't flying well with the operator of a nearby airfield. Up to 50 new hangars are planned at the University Airport, which is owned by Penn State. Operators of the Bellefonte Airport say the other airport is getting an unfair advantage because the new hangars will be built with State and Federal funding.:43 – SOT/VO
John Elnitski – Bellefonte airport

4/11/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

BOYER CANDY DISPUTE

Although it was reported that today was the deadline for a judge to decide who would run Boyer Candy that is not the case. Today was the deadline for each side to submit three names and from those names, the judge will pick an interim trustee. However the lengthy court battle continues that pits Debbie Forgione against her children. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:19 – Package

4/11/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

RETIREEES BENEFIT PROBLEMS

There is frustration tonight among Bethlehem Steel's retirees. Two weeks after the company stopped paying for their benefits, many retirees are still confused and still don't have a healthcare replacement. Jon Meyer reports that there are no simple answers for these people.

:56 – Package

Gene Blackner – 31 years at Bethlehem

John Pecze – 30 years at Bethlehem

Joseph Guydo – 36 years at Bethlehem

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4/15/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

CORNING CLOSING

One of Centre County's biggest employers is closing its doors to what used to be a thriving industry. It is a devastating blow to this area's economy, bringing the loss of about 1,000 jobs. Regina Miller is live with the story of a business that falls to foreign competition.

:14 – Live

:51 – Package

Paul Rogoski – Corning Spokesperson

4/15/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

EMPLOYEE REACTION

News of the Corning closing is coming as a shock to many in the region. The plant has been one of the cornerstones of Centre County's industrial base. Reaction is one of shock and surprise. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:35 – Package

4/16/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

CARBIDE GRAPHITE REOPENS

A company in our region is re-opening and over 100 people will be back to work. It doesn't sound like much when compared to the jobs lost over the past few months, but workers say every little bit helps.

1:15 – Package

Bill Gausman – Former employee

Ed Greenwalt – Union President

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

4/16/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

CORNING AND TRADE

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter says the Corning closing could have been avoided if Mexico had honored its trade agreement. Specter says U.S. Trade officials have to work harder to shore up agreements in the future.

:38 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

4/17/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

RENDELL ECONOMIC PLAN

Governor Rendell came to the region today, bringing State cash for local projects in Johnstown along with his vision of how to improve the economy. Rendell promised that if his economic stimulus plan is passed, there will be new life in Johnstown's abandoned buildings Jon Meyer reports.

1:18 – Package

Adam Henger – City councilman

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4/18/03, 11 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

LOGAN TOWN CENTER

Up to four thousand jobs are one step closer to coming to Blair County. Construction of the Logan Town Center, previously held up by a pending environmental permit, was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection today.

:43 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelier - PA Senator

4/21/03, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CORNING CLOSING

The first phase of the closedown of the Corning Ashai plant began today, only one week after the announcement came that a thousand workers would lose their jobs. The short notice has everyone scrambling to find ways to help the workers. Those losing their jobs are urged to act soon.

:40 - SOT/VO

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

4/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

I-99 CORRIDOR

A permit has been approved for a new shopping center that caps off a decade of business growth along the I-99 corridor. The success in that region is believed possible because of the joint efforts made by Centre, Blair, and Bedford Counties in working together to develop new business. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:23 - Package

Joe Hurd - Chamber of Commerce

4/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

SLAG USE

There's a new company in Johnstown that's turning piles of slag into a product used to strengthen steel. They also hope to strengthen the economy. The piles of slag from Bethlehem Steel plants operations in Johnstown can keep the new company going for many years and provide new jobs. Mark Allen reports on what this could mean for the area.

1:29 - Package

Tony Kordell - Rollock owner

4/23/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

TOURISM

Tourism has become a major part of Pennsylvania's economy. While tourist attractions play a part of the draw, events have become the key. Jon Meyer reports.

1:24 - Package

Lisa Dailey - Convention & Visitors Bureau

4/24/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

MOVING FORWARD

Now that the shock and surprise have worn off for a thousand workers who found out last week their Corning Ashai plant is shutting down, the question is, "What's next?" Centre County officials are saying it's time to move on and find new opportunities. How? Gary Sinderson reports.

:40 - Package

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4/29/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

ROUTE 56 & JOBS

A new road could lead to many new jobs. That's the finding of a state study on a major route to and from Johnstown. It shows employment could jump 23 percent if Route 56 between Johnstown and Bedford is widened. Jon Meyer reports.

1:18 – Package

Bob Layo – Chamber of Commerce

4/29/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

COGEN PLANT

There is some distressing news for a Cambria County Township. Plans for a co-generation plant to be built on Dishong Mountain have been scrapped. It means that the 400 – 600 projected construction jobs will not happen. Mark Allen reports.

:54 – Live

4/30/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

WAYS TO GET MORE JOBS

Johnstown community leaders have been looking for ways to create new jobs. The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown held a lunch meeting for educators, politicians, and business leaders to explain to them how UPJ could be used to draw more money and jobs to the area.

:49 – SOT/VO

Simon Tripp – Tripp Umback & Assoc.

4/30/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

U.S. AIRWAYS TALKS

Will they stay? Gov. Ed Rendell met with U.S. Airways and officials from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to try to work out a deal keeping the airlines at those airports. U.S. Airways wants new leases and hundreds of millions in airport improvements.

:50 – SOT/VO

Gov. Ed Rendell – (D) Pennsylvania

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Nightly News

Wednesday, April 30

On NBC Nightly News, Anne Thompson reports on what college seniors can expect from their first job search. How do you find work in tough economic times?

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5/1/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

CORNING PLANT

What's the future of the largest manufacturing plant in Centre County? Corning is closing its College Township plant and putting a thousand people out of work. But county officials are trying to find a new tenant for the building. The question is, "how do you market a factory building/" Gary Sinderson reports.

:48 - Package

John Coleman - Centre County Chamber

5/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

SUMMER JOBS

With summer just around the corner, students are looking for jobs. But with high unemployment and a down economy, students are locked in stiff competition with adults who are also looking for jobs. How can they compete? Mark Allen reports.

:47 - Package

5/5/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

GETTING A JOB

The economy is on a downturn. According to the Department of Labor, unemployment is at 5.8 percent in Pennsylvania. How can we get that number to drop? Sophia Wharton reports that people are looking for jobs in the hard labor area when they need to shift to information technology.

:59 - Live

Anna Weitz - CCACC president

WJAC-TV in cooperation with the Community Education Campaign provided a phone bank staffed by local job and employment counselors to answer viewer questions about job hunting. The lines were open from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

5/7/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

STARTING A JOB SEARCH

The unemployment numbers for much of this region due to lay-offs and closings, so after years on the job, workers are searching for new jobs. How do you begin your search? You may be surprised that it's not as simple as you think. Sophia Wharton reports.

3:28 - Package

Tom Klimek - Employment Counselor

Justin McDonald - Career Planning

Elaine Ricotta - Workforce Development

Maria Astroscio - Employment Specialist

5/8/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

INTERVIEW PROBLEMS

The latest statistics show unemployment in Pennsylvania at 5.8 percent. Experts say many people who are actively looking for work are qualified but just can't get past the interview. What can they do? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:07 - Package

Tom Wehner - Human Resources

Justin McDonald - Career Planner

Elaine Ricotta - Workforce Development

Brian Bracken - Residential Director